

# **1<sup>ST</sup> LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE** **CORINTHIANS**

## **Chapters 5-9**

What do chapters 5-6 address? (Note 5:1-6:20)

Read 5:1-2 What kind of immorality does St. Paul speak of “that is not found even among the pagans”? (Note 5:1)

How does Paul advise the Corinthians? (Note 5:2)

Read 5:3-5 How does St. Thomas Aquinas interpret verse 5:5 “deliver this man to Satan”? (Note 5:5)

Read 5:6-8 What is the symbolism of the word “leaven”? How does this relate to the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Passover? (Note 5:7-8)

Read 6:1-8 What is the meaning of the term “the unrighteous”? How should economic and property disputes among the believers be adjudicated? (Note 6:1-8) (Note 6:1)

Read 6:9-10 Are both the Old and New Testaments in agreement on the morality of homosexual conduct? (Note 6:9-10) (Note 6:9)

**Word Study** -- What is the meaning of the word sanctified?

Read 6:11 What is the meaning of the following passage: “But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.” (Note 6:11)

Read 6:12-20 What is meant by the following passage: “The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.” (Note 6:13)

What topic is addressed in Chapter 7 (Note 7:1-40)

Read 7:1-5 What are conjugal rights? (Note 7:5)

**Topical Essay -- Shun Immorality, Shun Idolatry**

How are the sins of sexual immorality and idolatry related?

Read 7:10-11 What are the two options for couples that choose to separate?  
(Note 7:10)

Read 7:12-16 How does the Church interpret this verse: "But if the unbelieving partner desires to separate, let it be so; in such a case the brother or sister is not bound. For God has called us to peace." What is the Pauline privilege? (Note 7:15)

Read 7:17-19 What is the meaning of the following passage: "For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision but keeping the commandments of God." (Note 7:19)

Read 7:20-24 How does St. Paul view slavery? (7:21)

Read 7:29-31 What is meant by the following passage: “For the form of this world is passing away.” (Note 7:31)

What do chapters 8–11 address? (Note 8:1–11:1)

Read 8:1-6 What is the meaning of the following passage: “yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.” (Note 8:6)

Read 8:7-13 What two groups of people does the idol food controversy involve? How does St. Paul counsel the “strong”? (Note 8:7-13)

Read 9:1-2 What does St. Paul imply when he says, “Am I not an apostle?” What two criteria mark one as an Apostle? (Note 9:1)

Read 9:3-7 What is the history of clerical celibacy in the Latin Rite? How does this differ from the Eastern Rite? Is clerical celibacy a doctrine or a discipline? (Note 9:5)

Read 9:8-12 What does St. Paul mean when he says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? (Note 9:9)

Read 9:13-14 What is meant by the following passage: "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings?" (Note 9:13)

Read 9:24-25 What is a perishable wreath? (Note 9:25)