Outline of 1 Corinthians

A. Introduction: "To the church of God which is at Corinth" [1:1-9]

B. "...there are contentions among you" [1:10 - 6:20]

- 1. Division over preachers: "Is Christ divided?" [1:10 4:21]
 - a. Personal preferences about men [1:10-17]
 - b. Worldly wisdom versus God's wisdom [1:18 2:16]
 - c. "that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written" [3:1 4:13]
 - d. "Now some are puffed up..." [4:14-21]
- 2. "It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you..." [5:1-13]
- 3. "Dare any of you...go to law before the unrighteous...? [6:1-11]
- 4. "Flee sexual immorality" [6:12-20]

C. "Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me" [7:1 – 14:40]

- 1. "It is good for a man not to touch a woman" [7:1-40]
 - a. "Nevertheless... Do not deprive one another" [7:1-9]
 - b. "Now to the married I command..." [7:10–16]
 - c. "...as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk" [7:17-24]
 - d. "...because of the present distress" [7:25-40]
- 2. "Now concerning things offered to idols" [8:1 11:1]
 - a. "Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies" [8:1-6]
 - b. "...beware lest this liberty of yours become a stumbling block" [8:7-13]
 - c. "...we have not used this right...lest we hinder the gospel of Christ" [9:1-27]
 - d. "...let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" [10:1-13]
 - e. "Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry" [10:14-22]
 - f. "...no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being" [10:23 11:1]
- 3. "Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?" [11:2-16]
- 4. "...when you come together" [11:17 14:40]
 - a. "...when you come together...it is not to eat the Lord's Supper" [11:17-34]
 - b. "Now concerning spiritual gifts" [12:1 14:40]
 - i. "...the Spirit is given...for the profit of all" [12:1-11]
 - ii. "...in fact the body is not one member but many" [12:12-31]
 - iii. "...the greatest of these is love" [13:1–13]
 - iv. "Let all things be done for edification" [14:1-26]
 - v. "Let all things be done decently and in order" [14:27-40]

D. "...how do some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?" [15:1-58]

- 1. "...so we preach and so you believed" [15:1-11]
- 2. "...if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile" [15:12-19]
- 3. "...Christ...has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" [15:20-28]
- 4. "But...How are the dead raised up?" [15:29-49]
- 5. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast..." [15:50-58]

E. "Now concerning the collection for the saints" [16:1-4]

F. Paul's personal plans and closing remarks [16:5-24]

- 1. Paul's plans and exhortations concerning other servants [16:5-18]
- 2. Closing greetings and remarks [16:19-24]