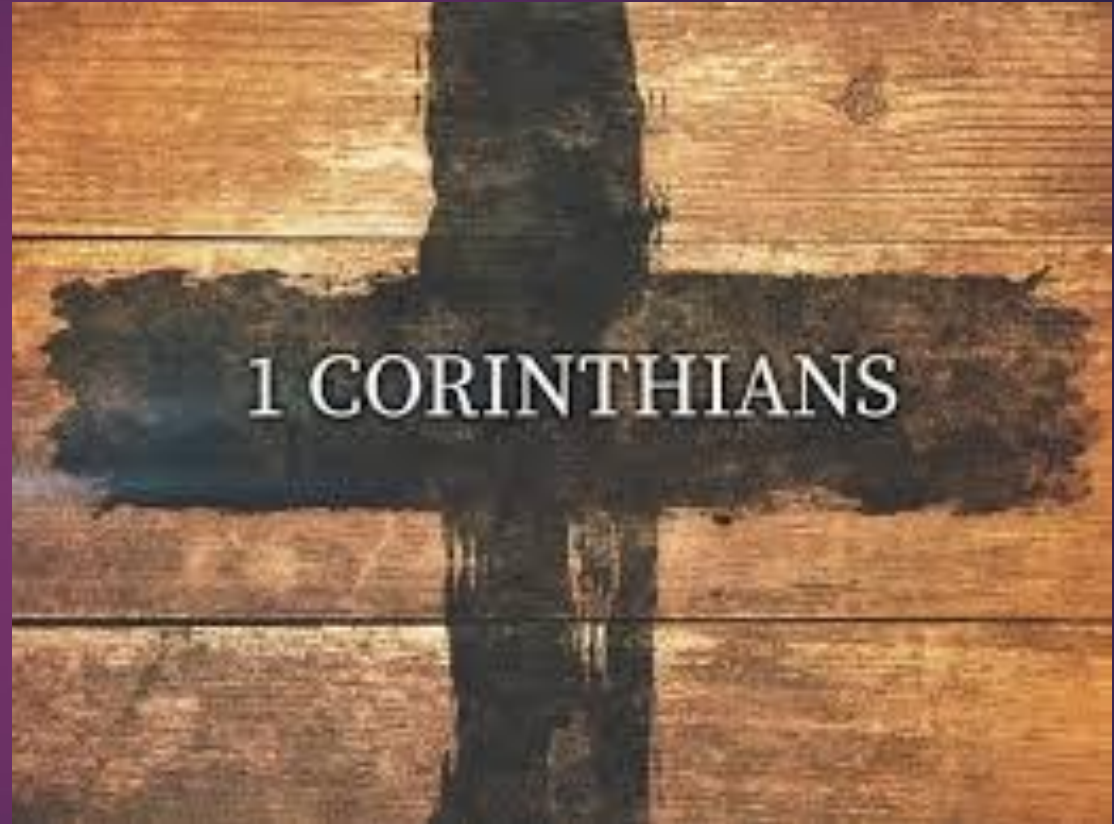


*Welcome to Women's
Bible Study!*

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This Year:
1 Corinthians



How to connect/Resources:



Anchored

Treasuring God and His Word as our Firm Foundation and Eternal Hope

Goal: To grow in the knowledge of the Lord in order to treasure Him more fully and to reflect Him more accurately as we are conformed to His image.



Review

Responding to reports he's received:

----Regarding Disunity and Factions (1:10-4)

----Regarding Sexual Immorality and Ongoing Litigation (5-6)

Responding to their letter:

----Regarding Marriage (7)

----Regarding Food Sacrificed to Idols (8-10)

----Regarding Men and Women in Worship and The Lord's Supper (11)

----Regarding Spiritual Giftings (12-14)







Key points from Chapter 5-7

- *In order to protect the integrity of the church's witness, we are to judge those inside the church regarding sin. That may mean standing united against sin that infiltrates the church, removing the offender from our midst for the sake of his spirit.*
- *Jesus, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and therefore we are live holy, "unleavened" lives.*
- *We are to one day judge the world, therefore we ought to be able to handle our minor disputes within the context of the church.*
- *Our bodies belong to Christ and are destined for resurrection. Therefore, we are to glorify God with our bodies.*
- *Marriage is affirmed but once married, there is not to be divorce. Singleness allows for single focus on the Lord, however, it is not sin to marry.*
- *Whatever sphere in which one is called by God, we are to be content to remain "in our calling" living out the gospel in that context.*

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Study Guides-Chapters 8-10

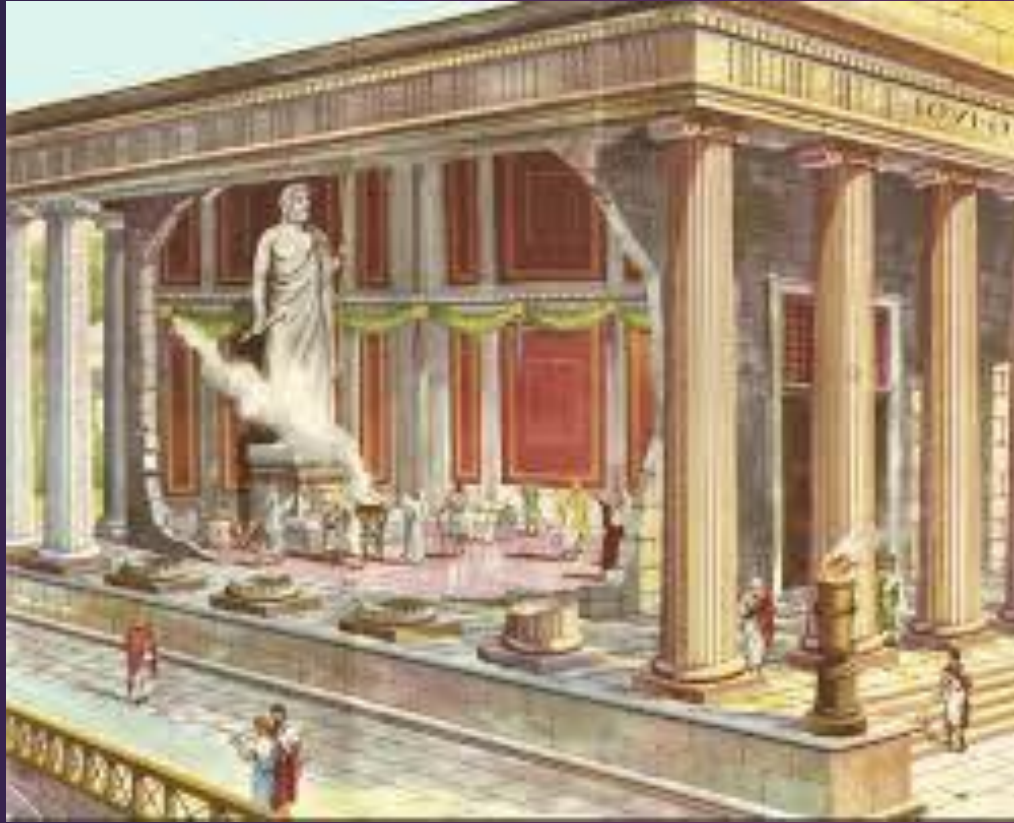
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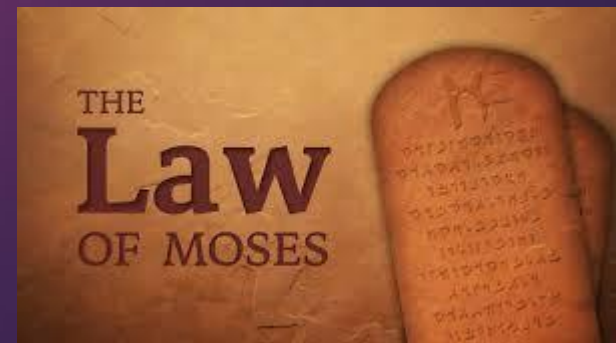
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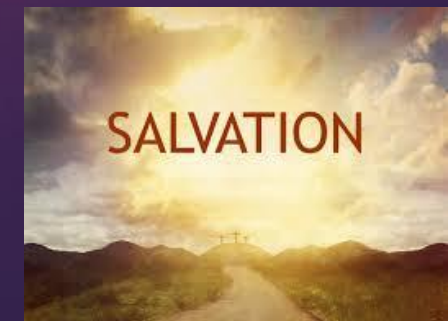
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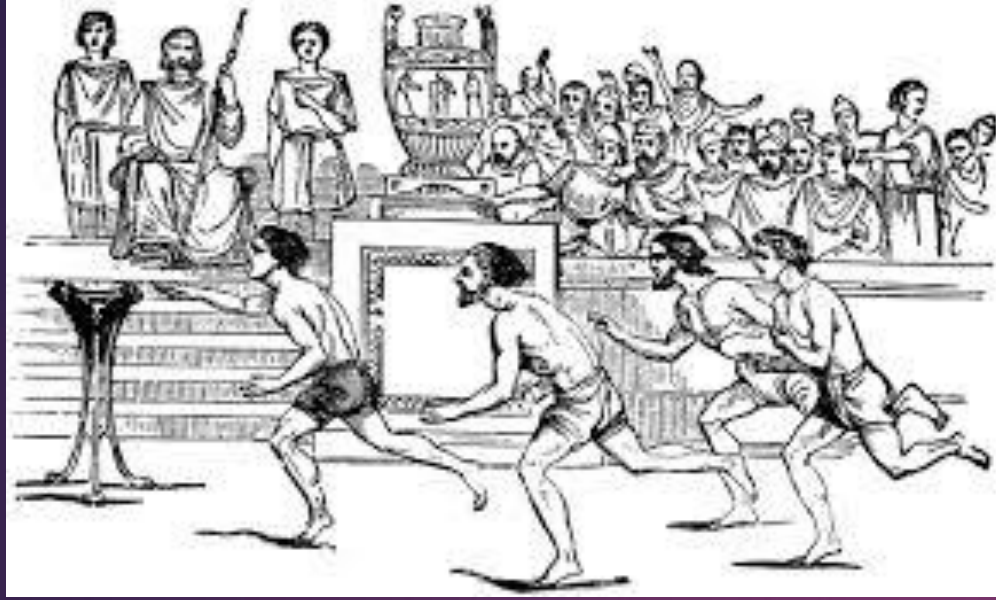
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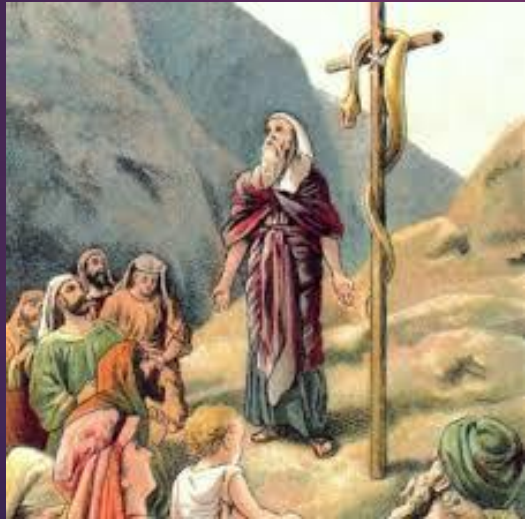
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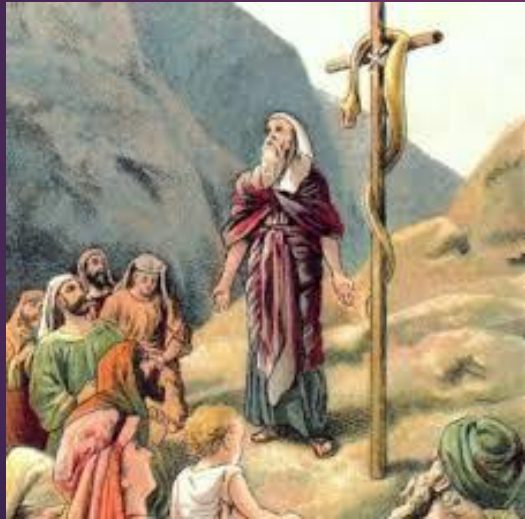
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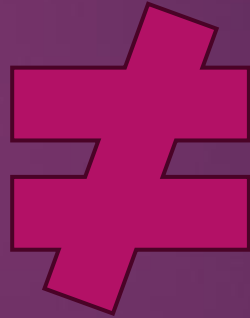
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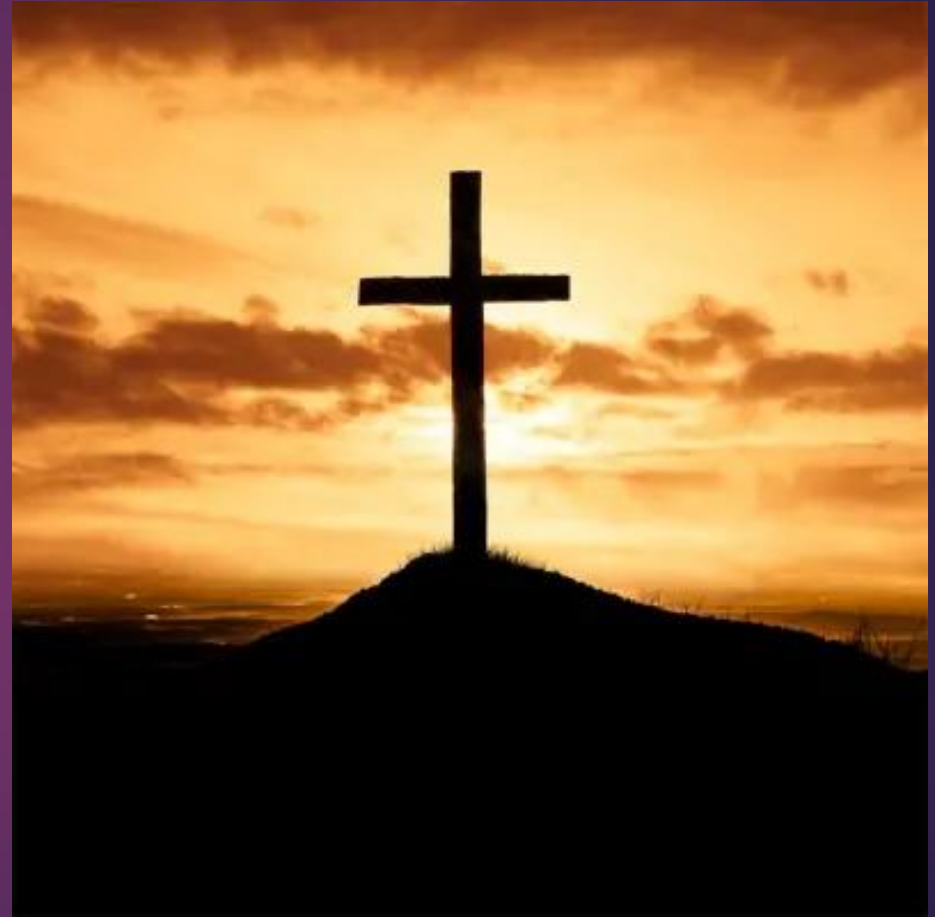
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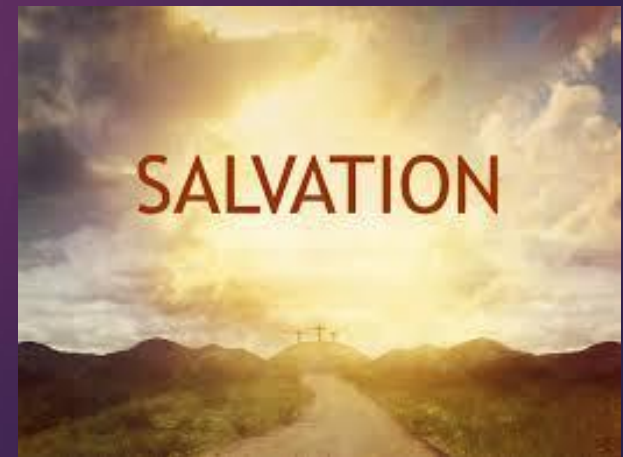


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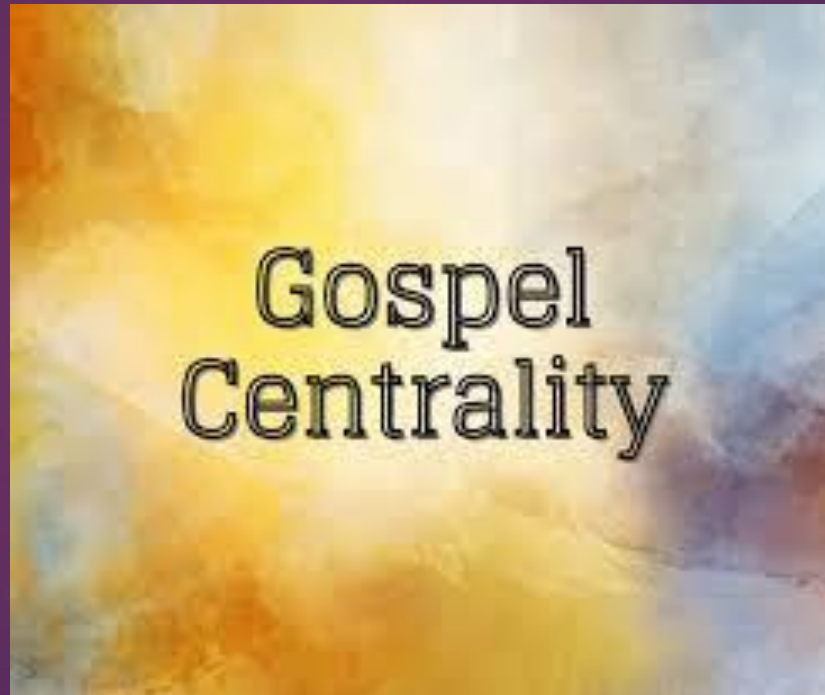


SEPARATION

Discussion/Sharing Time

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Homework:

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