

# I CORINTHIANS





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**[18] Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.**



**[19] If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.**



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**[24] Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.**



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Our glorious hope is anchored in God's plan to restore the Kingdom and to glorify Himself.





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### **3. A Gutsy Heroism**



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**Bad company → bad beliefs → bad behavior**





**[34] Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right,  
and do not go on sinning. For some have no  
knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.**

**LESSONS**

**learned**



**For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive v22**



**And if Christ has not been raised,  
then our preaching is in vain ... v14**

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Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.



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## Romans 16:17–18

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.



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