



# Prince of Peace Church

## 1 Corinthians 1:1-17; 12:12-13

### Week 1

*Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Grant us so to **hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest** them, that by patience and the  
comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting  
life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Read & Hear:** Appoint a reader, or take turns reading a few verses at a time. Do this several times (at least 2 or 3) in order to gain familiarity with the passage.

**Mark:** This is our time to make observations and ask questions.

The type of observations to ask and questions to ask include:

Who is the writer?	Who are the recipients?	What is the main idea?
What are the statements of truth?	What are the commands/expectations upon people?	
What is said about God?	What is said about people?	

**Learn:** This is our time to humbly submit to the learning that our brothers and sisters have already done. We do this by turning to our Pastors, Study Bibles, Commentaries, and other resources in the church. Together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we search for the truth in the Scriptures. Spend this time looking through your resources for answers to your questions, and further observations.

**Inwardly Digest:** This is our time to not just be hearers of the word, but also doers of the word (James 1:22). Spend time discussing with one another the following topics to apply the word to our lives today.

1. The Corinthian church is rich in God's grace, knowledge, and spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 1:4-7). At the same time, it is plagued by scandal, sin, and division. Often, some Christians will run away from a church community when they encounter sin or conflict. The reality is that the only church free from sin and conflict is the fully redeemed church after Christ's return (Revelation 21). How can a church have God's grace, while at the same time full of sin and conflict? Refer to Romans 7:7-25 & Romans 8:18-23 for further discussion.

2. There are plenty of problems in the Corinthian church, but Paul identifies the underlying problem as disunity. He is interested in resolving those conflicts, but also drawing out how Christians are united. Referring to 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, how does having Christ as the central aspect of our identity unite Christians? How does this change the way we go about conflict? What is the result that we would hope to achieve in addressing conflict?