

# *An Outline of 1 Corinthians*

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*The letter which we call "First Corinthians" is, actually, the second letter that Paul wrote them. The first letter is now lost.*