Questions on 1 Corinthians chapter 1

1. Why does Paul state that he was a “called” apostle? If this Sosthenes is the same man mentioned in Acts 18:17, what would be unusual about it? Verse 1.

2. Who were the “saints” in Corinth? For whose benefit, besides the church at Corinth, is this epistle written? Verse 2.

3. What was Paul’s prayer and for what did he thank God? Verses 3-4.

4. What two spiritual gifts possessed by the Corinthians did Paul name for which he was thankful? Verse 5.

5. What confirmed or proved the testimony of Christ? Verse 6.

6. What would be the result of the teaching and assurance provided by the abundance of spiritual gifts with reference to the Lord’s coming? Verses 7-8.

7. Is there a reason that Paul stressed that God had called them unto the fellowship of Christ? Verse 9.

8. How can Christians come to all speak the same things, have no division, and be of the same mind and judgment? Verse 10.

9. Since Paul was in Ephesus, how did he learn about the divisions at Corinth and about what were the contentions? Verses 11-12.

10. What are the answers to Paul’s rhetorical questions? According to Paul, what would be necessary if we wanted to wear some man’s name? Verse 13.

11. Why was Paul thankful he didn’t baptize any more than he did at Corinth? Didn’t he think baptism was necessary? Verses 14-15.

12. Is it necessary for a preacher to do his own baptizing? See John 4:1-2. What bearing would it have on this to point out that Paul first went alone to Corinth and later was joined by Silas and Timothy? Verse 17.

13. How could the cross be made of none effect (verse 17)? What two views of “the preaching of the cross” does Paul show? Verse 18.

14. Where is Paul’s quote written? To whom does Paul refer as the wise, the scribe, and the disputer? Verses 19-20.

15. What was foolish about the wisdom of this world? What is meant by “the foolishness of preaching”? Verse 21.

16. In what were Jews and Greeks interested? Why was “Christ crucified” a stumbling-block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks? Verses 22-23.

17. How are those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, different from others? Verse 24.

18. How is that which the world regards as foolishness wiser than men and how it that which is regarded as weakness stronger than men? Verse 25.

19. What was it about the Corinthians station in life that cause Paul to say, “Ye see your calling, brethren”? Verse 26.

20. Why in God’s scheme of redemption did he choose things that the “wise” of this world regard as foolish and weak? Verse 27.

21. How is the fact that God has chosen the things of the world that are considered base, despised, and as nothing or no value proof that it is not humanly devised? Verse 28.

22. How did God completely remove any cause for boasting? Verse 29.

23. What is Jesus made to those in Christ Jesus? Verse 30.

24. What passage does Paul quote and what ground has he shown for glory since no man has any ground for boasting in himself? Verse 31.