

Paul's two epistles to the Corinthians

The Christian Corinthians were a considerably mixed group, both racially and socially. Corinth was a major city in the Roman empire, lying on major trade routes, and all kinds of people lived there. Paul attempted to deal with the difficulties of the population, addressing his letters to them all and urging them to follow Jesus Christ. He himself had founded the church in Corinth and he was saddened by the immoral behaviour of the resident Christian groups. In particular in his first letter he tries to answer the complex problems, one by one:

- 1 How they should live righteously in marriage or the single state 5 : 7
- 2 How to live together in peace and harmony
- 3 The importance of worship and fellowship with each other

These 2 letters, to me, show the importance of living together - a message as important today as it always has been in history.

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