*An Introduction to Corinthians*

*A Clash with Culture*

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*“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”* 1 John 2:15 (NIV)

* “Kosmos” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- The sum-total of human life in the ordered world, considered apart from, alienated from, and hostile to God, and of the earthly things which seduce from God[[1]](#footnote-1)
* A practical definition of worldliness: anything in a Christian’s life that causes him to lose his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Father’s love or his desire to do the Father’s will is worldly and must be avoided. [[2]](#footnote-2)

**About Corinth:**

*It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife.* 1 Corinthians 5:1 (ESV)

**About Paul:**

Scriptures referenced: Acts 22:3; Gal. 1:14; Acts 26:9-11, 22:20;

* Open your Bible to Acts 9:1-19

*And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;* (v. 18 ESV)

* Open to Philippians 3:1-11

**One Final Thought:** If anyone understood the reality of clashing with culture it would have to be Paul. And we can know that the same power that changed Saul to Paul is available \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for all who ever have or ever will believe.

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