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**Background:**

Written by Paul, the letter to the believers in Corinth was written less than 30 years after the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Christ. In addition to the church in Corinth it was written to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Foundation of Paul's letter:**

1. Recognize what God has done and offers to all people.
  - a. 1 Cor 1:8-9
  - b. Paul's optimism is base on God's abilities, not human abilities
  - c. 1 Cor 1:25-29
2. Identifies the abilities and standing that all believers possess.
  - a. 1 Cor 1:5-9; 2:12; 3:22-23
  - b. Romans 8:32 "He who did not spare His own son...how will He not also with Him \_\_\_\_\_.

With a foundation established, Paul gives an overall purpose and application fo the church:

1. Glorify God
2. Remove obstacles to ones being saved. (Obstacles can be things we \_\_\_\_\_)

**Issues of their day:**

1. Division in the church
  - a. 1 Cor 1:10-17; 3:3
  - b. Paul didn't want \_\_\_\_\_ in their divisions.
2. Sexual immorality in the Church
  - a. 1Cor 5:1
  - b. Concern for immoral brother, \_\_\_\_\_, and other individuals in the church. 1Cor 6:18-20

3. Personal and Corporate Life Choices

- a. Service 1 Cor 4:11-16
- b. Marriage
- c. Food Sacrificed to Idols 1 Cor 8:9
- d. Order in their Worship 1 Cor 14:25,33
- e. Commitment to belief in the Resurrection. 1 Cor 15

In all of our choices, though we have great \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, we should ask God for guidance in determining, what will glorify Him and what will remove obstacles from ones being saved.

Action Points:

What area am I being prompted to glorify God and/or remove obstacles from ones I know that are not saved yet?

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**ANSWERS:**

**All who call upon the name of the Lord.**

**freely give us all things**

**do or do not do**

**preaching the gospel to get lost**

**Church's health and influence**

**freedom**