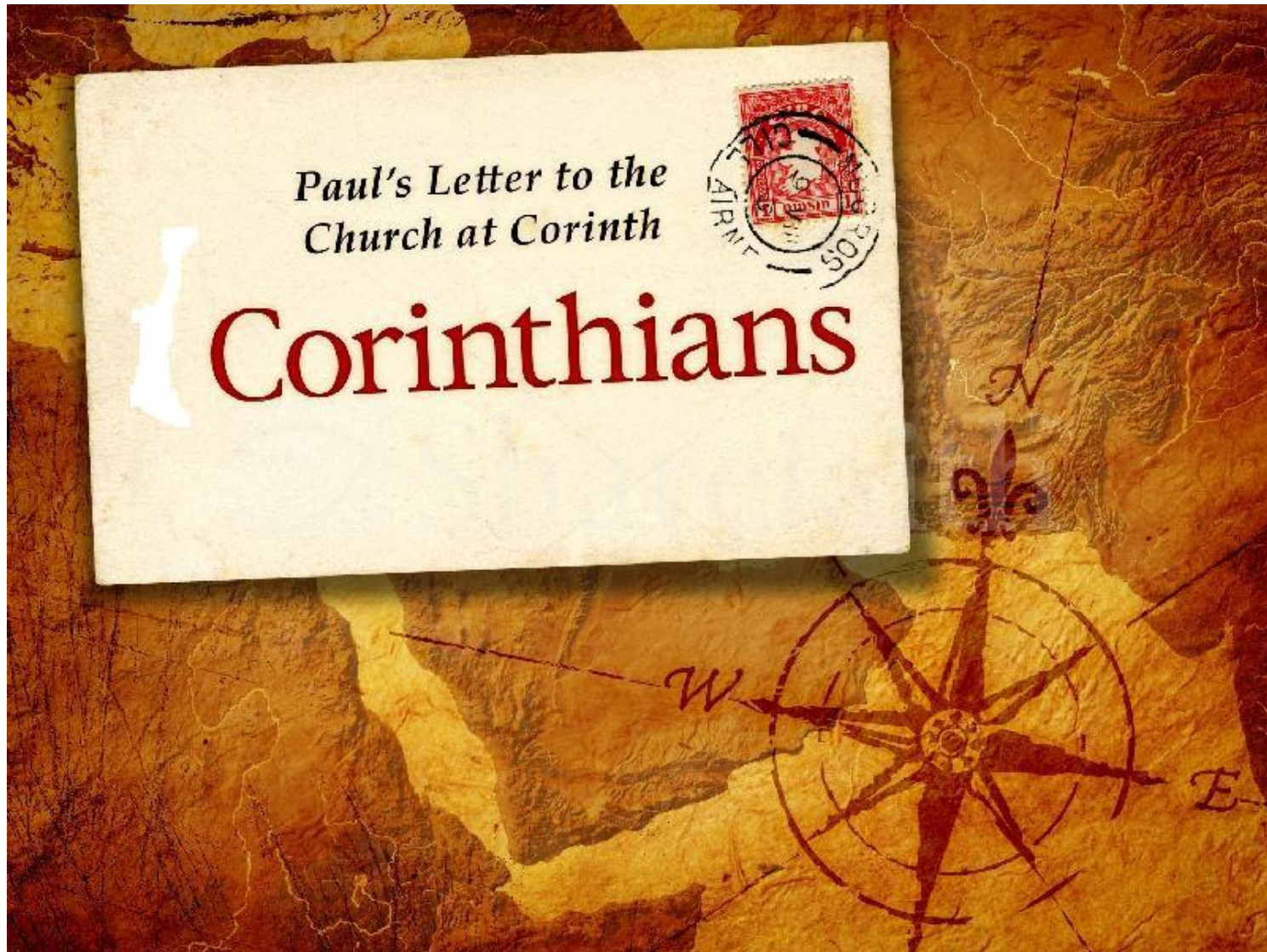


Welcome to Holly Hills Bible Church

Service to start
at 10:20 AM

1 Cor. 1:10-12 The Problem of Divisions



Today's Outline*



A. Salutations to the Corinthian Church 1:1-9

1. The Greetings of Paul 1:1-3

2. The Preamble of Hope 1:4-9

They Possessed God's Grace, Wealth and Hope

B. The Problem of Divisions Stated 1:10-12

1. The Correction Needed 1:10

2. The Divisions Defined 1:11-12

a. In General 1:11

b. In Particular 1:12

C. The Problem Answered 1:13-17

Unity is Achieved by the Person and Work of Christ

a. There Is Only One Christ

b. There Is Only One Cross

c. There Is Only One Baptism



1 Corinthians 1:1-3

¹ Paul, called *as* an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

² To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Corinthian Resume! (1 Cor. 1:4-9)



4a I thank my God always concerning you (Corinthians)

4b for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus,

for - *epi* - on - the cause of my thanksgiving being*

lit: having been given - past point fact, passive voice

- all Corinthian believers are recipients of God's grace the moment they believe

- this grace is in our living union with Christ

The Corinthian Resume! (1 Cor. 1:4-9)



5a that in everything you 2were enriched (made rich) in Him,

made rich – past point fact, passive voice

- these are God's riches, not man's
- again the riches are in Him

5b in all speech and all knowledge,

speech - proclaiming the Word (Wuest) – John 6:68

knowledge - experiential knowledge of God -Rom 11:33

The Corinthian Resume! (1 Cor. 1:4-9)



⁶ even as the testimony concerning Christ ³was confirmed in you

was confirmed - lit: was proved – past point fact,
passive voice

The idea is that divinely-revealed truth (about Christ) and its reality was verified (made real) among you.

⁶ inasmuch as the testimony concerning the Christ was proved to be divinely-revealed truth and its reality was verified among you (Wuest)

The Corinthian Resume! (1 Cor. 1:4-9)



^{7a} so that (lit: with a purpose that)

^{7b} you (Corinthians) are not lacking in any gift (spiritual gifts),

1 Cor 14:12 So also you (Corinthians), since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.

^{7c} awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The revealing of the Lord Jesus Christ to His saints at the Rapture would be God's greatest gift to them.*

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The Corinthian Resume! (1 Cor. 1:4-9)



8a who ⁴will also confirm you to the end,

will confirm – will make you steadfast and constant
future, indicative, active

8b blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

blameless - It implies not merely acquittal, but the
absence of even a charge or accusation against a
person.

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The Corinthian Resume! (1 Cor. 1:4-9)



9a God is faithful,

This is one of the many attributes of God.

9b through whom you were called

were called – elect – past point fact, passive voice

every believer in the Lord Jesus has been called

9c into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

•every believer has shared in the things of Christ: His death, burial, resurrection, ascension and seating - 1 John 1:3c

The Problem of Divisions



¹⁰ Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

¹¹ For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's *people*, that there are quarrels among you.

¹² Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."

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Now I exhort you, brethren

exhort - *parakaleō* - to call to a person (para, "to the side," kaleō, "to call") Phil 4:2, Philemon 1:8-9

- An exhortation is an encouragement to make a willing choice.
- God's word is not meant to be a club to beat us into submission.
- It is rather meant to be a teacher that convinces us to make right choices based on the understanding of truth.

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by - dia – through

the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

By exhorting his readers in the name of their Lord Jesus Christ, Paul was putting what he was about to say on the highest level of authority. The Corinthians were to regard what he was about to say as coming from the Lord Himself.

Constable

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Paul's encouragement has three parts!

1st - that you all agree (*lego* – say the same thing)

- *lego** never refers to mere words
- it always refers to thoughts put into words
- *lego* is a reflection verbally of your mentality
- could translate *lego* as “assert” in verse 10 because assert involves content
- Paul is saying I want you Corinthians to be together mentally or have harmony in your view point
- unity was to be achieved by doctrinal agreement, not doctrinal compromise

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2nd - that there be no divisions among you

divisions - *schism* - to split, tear - a schism, division, tear & so into factions – see 1 Cor. 11:18

John 7:40 --- when they* heard these words, were saying, "This certainly is the Prophet." ⁴¹ Others were saying, "This is the Christ." Still others were saying, "Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?" ⁴³ So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him.

•different opinions, wrong opinions, misapprehension of the truth

* Jews

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3rd - but that you be made complete

made complete - *katartizō* - repair, mend that which is broken such as the nets or broken bones
in the same mind

Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

in the same judgment - denotes a consent, understanding

Philemon 1:14a But it has been my wish to do nothing about it (sending Onesimus) without first consulting you and getting your consent,

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For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren

informed – used of official evidence in the papyri;
this evidence would hold up in court

by Chloe's people - today no one knows exactly who
Chloe was

that there are quarrels among you.

quarrels - strife - bitter discussion or words – same word
used in Gal 5:20 for one of the “deeds of the
flesh”

¹² Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."



Now I mean this

lit: what I mean is this

Paul will now tell us the issue of these quarrels

that each one of you (Corinthians)

lit: each and everyone of you

is saying (or asserting)

involves the whole church

¹² Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."



apparently every Corinthian had picked his man

"I am of Paul," (lit: I am identifying with Paul)

and "I of Apollos,"

and "I of Cephas,"

and "I of Christ."

- centered about their ego (I = ego – emphatic personal pronoun)
- apparently centered about personality
- Paul, Apollos, Cephas (Peter) were teaching the truth about Christ

Final Thoughts



1 Corinthians 3:5-7

⁵ What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one.

⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.

⁷ So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.



Mark 16:6 And he (an angel) said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, *here is* the place where they laid Him.

What proof do we have that Jesus Christ was resurrected?

What does the resurrection prove about Christ?

Why is the resurrection so critical to our faith?