



1 Corinthians 1v1-17

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OFSTED

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5v1-2a: It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. And you are proud!

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- Dysfunctional

11v17: In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good.

The Remedy...

1. Identify the Issue
2. Apply the gospel

1. Called by Christ

V2: To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours...

1. Called by Christ

'Problem people' to be avoided

OR

'Sanctified people' to be embraced

2. Kept by Christ

V8: He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

V9: God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

3. United in Christ

V10: I appeal to you brothers and sisters in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.



3. United in Christ

V11-12: My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another, 'I follow Christ.'

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V13: Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

No! No! No!

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V17: For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power

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- 4) View one another through the lens of the gospel