

Truth for a Confused World
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Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (ESV)

John 17:11 (ESV)

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

John 17:21-23 (ESV)

that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John 17:26 (ESV)

I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

- **You stop _____ like Jesus.**

1 Corinthians 1:10 (ESV)

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

- **You start _____ and _____ with one another.**

1 Corinthians 1:11 (ESV)

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.

- **You buy into the _____ of personality.**

1 Corinthians 1:12-13 (ESV)

What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

- **You _____ what matters most.**

1 Corinthians 1:14-17 (ESV)

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

1. The cross changes how we _____ people.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV)

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:19-21 (ESV)

For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

2. The cross destroys the _____ that divides us.

1 Corinthians 1:22 (ESV)

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

1 Corinthians 1:23 (ESV)

but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

1 Corinthians 1:24 (ESV)

but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:26-28 (ESV)

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

3. The cross gives us one reason to _____.

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 (ESV)

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."