

Paul's Epistle of

1st CORINTHIANS

84th Street church of Christ – March - May, 2022



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- Stewards of the mysteries of God (v.1-5)
 - The apostles are to be viewed as servants and stewards – v.1
 - Stewards are faithful in what they have been entrusted with – v.2
 - Judgement of stewards is done by the master – v.3-5
 - Man's judgement has no bearing – v.3
 - Self judgement has no bearing – v.3-4
 - Judgment is to be left to God – v.5

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- The Corinthians needed to learn humility (v.6-13)
 - The Corinthians needed to learn how to think – v.6-8
 - Paul figuratively transferred the objects of division to he and Apollos – v.6
 - They were not to think beyond what was written
 - They were not to be puffed up against one another

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 - Rhetorical questions showing they received the things they have from God; it was not of themselves – v.7
 - The Corinthians were boasting in themselves – v.8
 - Already full, rich, and have reigned as kings without us (separate from the apostles)

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 - The apostles in contrast to the Corinthians – v.9-13
 - The apostles had been made a spectacle to the world – v.9
 - Sarcastic and ironic statements – v.10
 - Apostles – fools for Christ, weak, dishonored
 - The Corinthians – wise in Christ, strong, distinguished

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 - The apostles in contrast to the Corinthians – v.9-13
 - The apostles hunger and thirst, are poorly clothed, beaten, and homeless – v.11
 - The apostles labor working with their own hands – v.12-13
 - Being reviled they bless, persecuted they endure, defamed they entreat
 - The apostles are the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now – v.13

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- Paul's care for the brethren at Corinth (v.14-21)
 - Paul's desire is for the Corinthians to learn – v.14-17
 - Paul was writing to warn them – v.14
 - Those at Corinth were begotten through Paul's teaching of the gospel – v.15
 - Paul urged those at Corinth to imitate him – v.16
 - Paul sent Timothy to remind them and continue the teaching that is taught in every church – v.17

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- Paul's care for the brethren at Corinth (v.14-21)
 - Paul plans to come to the brethren at Corinthians – v. 18-21
 - Some thought he wouldn't, but Paul was going to come shortly, if the Lord wills – v.18-19
 - When Paul comes, he will come with the true power of the kingdom (gospel) compared to those at Corinth – v.19-20
 - The way Paul will come is dependent upon how the Corinthians react to the message – v.21