

LOVE IS

1 & 2 Corinthians

Week 3: 1 Corinthians 3

Main Issue #1 Addressed In 1 Corinthians

- Division in the church - Chapters 1:10-4:21
- Paul will later address theological divisions...but the major division in the Corinthian church is a natural vs spiritual one

1 Corinthians 2:14-3:4

- Spiritual leaders not being accepted by natural hearers
- Natural leaders watering down spiritual leadership
- Quarreling (1:11 and 3:3)
- The church is meant to guide humanity by being spiritual

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

- Leaders are servants that should be pointing to God as the ultimate grower
- While there is occasion for factions and confrontation, leaders should be uniting the church through servant leadership
- A field needs many servants, not many masters!

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

- The Gospel foundation is unchanging, eternal, and essential
- Matthew 1, Hebrews 1, 1 Peter 1, 1 John 1
- Every Christians and church needs daily Gospel grounding

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

- All of our work will revealed and tested
- This is not a salvation judgment

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

- This is a salvation judgment**
- The teacher in vs 12 built on a gospel foundation**
- The teacher in vs 17 is a destroyer**
- Anyone remember the location of the temple? 2 Samuel 24**

1 Corinthians 3:18-23 - Conclusion on wisdom

- Repeated contrast: Worldly wisdom is foolishness spiritually**
- Spiritual wisdom is foolishness in this age**
- Celebrate all of these great teachers!**