

LIKEMINDEDNESS UNLOCKING UNITY IN PRACTICE

A hand is shown from the side, holding a large, ornate brass key. The key is being held over a dark, partially assembled puzzle. The puzzle pieces are visible in the background, creating a textured, dark gray surface. The lighting is dramatic, with the brass key reflecting light and the puzzle pieces catching some light, while the overall background is dark.

Part 2 – 1 Corinthians 2-3

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BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Setting

Corinth was a major trade city in Achaia.

Connection

Paul visited during his 1st Missionary Journey (Acts 18:1). Stayed and worked with Aquila and Priscilla for a year and a half (Acts 18:2-3, 11)

Timing

During his 3rd Missionary Journey (Acts 19, roughly 54AD) he wrote from Ephesus (1 Cor 16:8)

Purpose

The Corinthians were immature, showing disunity and impurity. Paul writes to encourage the church to maturity, expressed in unity and purity

CORE EXHORTATION

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all **speak the same** and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. – 1 Corinthians 1:10

1 Corinthians: Church Age Unity

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| 1:1-9 | Commendation |
| 1:10-17 | Corinthian Problem: Disunity |
| 1:18-2:16 | Humility: Godly Wisdom |
| 3-4:5 | The Corinthian Problem: Walking Fleshly –Improper Judgment |
| 4:6-21 | The Corinthian Problem: Arrogance |
| 5:1-8 | The Corinthian Problem: Immorality |
| 5:9-6:11 | Proper Judgment: Judging Within the Church |
| 6:12-20 | Morality: Glorify God in Your Body |
| 7 | Morality: Regarding Marriage, Condition, & Priority |
| 8 | Humility: Christian Liberty & Food |
| 9 | Humility: Examples of Christian Liberty |
| 10:1-13 | Morality: Example of Immorality: Israel |
| 10:14-33 | Proper Judgment & Humility: Matters of Conscience |
| 11:1-16 | Proper Judgment & Humility: Headship |
| 11:17-34 | The Corinthian Problem: The Lord's Supper Misused |
| 12-14 | Proper Judgment & Humility: Spiritual Gifts & Love |
| 15 | Motivation & Provision for Righteousness: Resurrection |
| 16 | General Instructions & Conclusion |

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Socio-Political

Sociopraxy

Ethics

For Believers
For Unbelievers

Metaphysics

Eschatology
Teleology
Axiology
Ontology

Epistemology

Interpreting Authority
Source of Authority

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WORLDVIEW IMPLICATIONS



QUESTIONS FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 2-3

Why is Paul contrasting the “testimony” of God with superior speech and wisdom? 2:1-5

What is God’s plan for our eternal future? 2:6-7

How can we know God’s wisdom is superior? 2:8-13

What are the four kinds of people Paul identifies in 2:14-3:1 and what are their characteristics?

What was the primary Corinthian problem? 3:2-3

What is the basis of equal functional value? 3:4-11

On what is judgment of believers based, and what is the outcome? 3:12-17

What is the value and outcome of God’s wisdom? 3:18-23

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