

Enriched In Christ, Divided in the World

1 Corinthians, Volume 2

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1 Corinthians 1:4-17

Our text includes the end of the beginning and the beginning of the tough stuff.

I. The Enrichment (4-6)

1 Corinthians 1:4: *I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus,*

Two words get special emphasis in this passage: **Thank** and **grace** occur 4 times. The other emphasis is on **Jesus Christ** and **Lord Jesus Christ**, which occur a total of 15 times in 1-10. The dominant theme here is the abundant grace of God that has come to the Corinthians through Jesus Christ. How does grace come to you?

1 Corinthians 1:5: . . . *that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, . . .*

Everything means:

Enriched means:

All speech and knowledge means:

1 Corinthians 1:6: *even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, . . .*

confirmed means:

II. The Results (7-9)

1 Corinthians 1:7: . . . *so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, . . .*

Result #1:

Result #2:

1 Corinthians 1:8: . . . *who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Result #3:

1 Corinthians 1:9: *God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Faithful means:

See also Romans 5:1-2 and John 10:27-28

III. The Exhortation (10)

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

exhort means:

That you all agree.

1. Unity is **not**:

2. Unity is **not**:
3. Unity is **not**
4. Unity is **not**:
5. Unity is **not**:

Verse 10 contains three phrases that help define **unity**.

1. **All say the same thing** means:
2. **There be no divisions among you** means:
3. **Made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment** means:

IV. The Information (11-12)

1 Corinthians 1:11: *For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you.*

1 Corinthians 1:12: *Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."*

I am of Paul

I am of Apollos

I am of Cephas

I am of Christ

V. The Indignation (13-17)

1 Corinthians 1:13: *Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?*

1 Corinthians 1:14-16: *I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one would say you were baptized in my name. Now I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.*

See also Acts 18:8. Was Paul against baptizing?

1 Corinthians 1:17: *For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.*

What should you take away from this passage regarding how to treat one another?