



“But God...”

1 Corinthians 3:4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Matthew 28:19-20

John 15:5

Colossians 1:3-14

Problem One: They Lost Sight of the Gospel

- There was division among the body
- There was confusion over who or what could save them
- The focus of their faith drifted from Jesus

Problem Two: They Didn't Understand the Process

- No one apostle was greater than another
- No one role was greater than another
- Because the focus was not on the servants or their service, but the One they serve

The “But God” Principle: It All Depends on God

- The Problem with Following Celebrities:

- The Problem with Following Teachers:

- The Answer to Both Problems:

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, [10] so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; [11] being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; [12] giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. [13] He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:9-14 ESV)