

# One Message

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13*

Introduction: The Church of Corinth had many issues  
City has a distorted way of life: Greek background, seaport,  
Roman influence, evil place  
Paul preached there for three and a half years, Acts 18:1-11.  
The church was distorted: divisions in church, marriage issues,  
pride issues, worship issues, resurrection issues,  
stumbling block issues. Why?  
The root of most of these problems came down to the way in  
which the saints perceived the gospel. In this lesson we  
will look at what distorts the message of Christ and what  
we can do to understand it clearly.

## What Distorts the Message?

Personality: Some say Apollos, Cephas, Paul, Christ:  
Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Baptized  
into his name?

We are in danger of personality worship:  
2 Tim. 4: false teachers tickling ears, Acts 20 disciples  
after your selves.  
1 Cor. 11:1 follow me as I follow Christ

Past (Preconceived notions)  
Apollos, Peter, Paul likely looked to culture  
Our past shapes us: family, trauma, experience, church  
Gal. 1:8-9 no different gospel (not Judaism as well)  
Must realize we are new creation 2 Cor. 5:17, Rom. 12:2

Perception  
How do we see self? Loved by God lost in sin, Rm 5:8  
How do we see others? Are we angry, trusting?  
How do you see God? Holy, as God, Reconciling

Pride  
Source of division goes back to pride almost every time  
All sins go back to pride: Pro 16:18

Am I open to obedience? Will I follow God  
What will I love? 1 John 2:15 Do not love world, lust flesh

## How Can We Be Sure We See?

Go to the source

Example of gossip circle:

Acts 17:11 Bereans were more noble

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God breathed

John 6:66-68 To whom shall we go? words of life

Always seek the truth

Down South: Yazoo Clay: shifts always, that's the  
present truth

Pilate: John 18:38: What is truth John 1:17, 8:32, 14:6,  
17:17

Question everything: Why do you know/do this in  
church? Ephesians 4:14

Be a person of prayer, James 5:16

Communication is always better when both are involved  
Bible is not just a text book

John 5:39 you pore over Scriptures: there I am

God will lead you to the truth when you fervently pray

Seek the Lord's People, Hebrews 10:24-25

Call of fire: you need the church, the church needs you

Make the church be what it should be