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# CORINTH AND THE CHURCH

- Paul
  - Based at the beginning of his mission.
  - He organized and taught in-house assemblies of Corinthians.
  - Later moves across the Aegean to work in the city of Ephesus.

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- Apollos
  - An eloquent Hellenistic Jew from Alexandria in Egypt.
  - Good with persuasive words.
  - Believed in Human wisdom.

- Paul knew that the problem in the church of Corinth was they did not had a relationship with themselves. Being in the same church.
- Paul purpose was to illustrate Christ and him crucified. A simple message but on God's power.

# CHURCH WITHOUT RELATIONSHIP

- Internal conflict: Selecting leaders based on personal preference.
  - Superior wisdom
  - Man living with his stepmother
  - Disputes and official courts
  - Marriage and sexual relations
  - Eating food sacrificed to idols
  - Etc..

# ROOT?

- The root of the division was simply spiritual PRIDE.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10

- I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,[a] in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.



## CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

- We are united in Christ
  - Justification
  - Sanctified
  - Redeemed

# PAUL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- How Paul presents himself?

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# CHARACTERISTICS

- A Christian should inspire to be:
  - **Persistent** –in spite of difficulty.
  - **Patient** –with others.
  - **Courageous** –to do God’s work.
  - **Humble** –to understand that we don’t know everything.
  - **Uncompromising** –with the truth!
  - **Ethical** –doing things that are good.
  - **Forgiving** –ourselves and others.

## PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature[a] God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature[b] of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

# OUR FUNCTION

- 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup> What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.<sup>[a]</sup>

**LET'S PRAY**