

WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

Announcements

- **MOB Website & Resources:** www.ibcmob.net
- AUGMENT Blog, Publishing Lowell's Notes and other items
- "Expectations for a Great Marriage" conference, 8-9 Nov
- <https://immanuelbible.church/> - [\(943\) Croc's Corner – YouTube](#)

Please Rise

- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Song:**

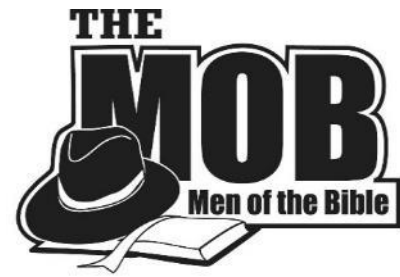
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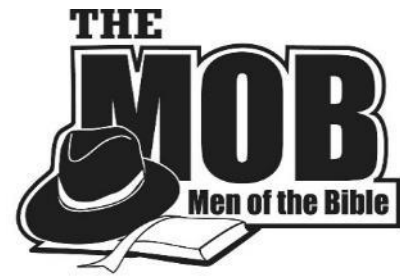


Gracious Father, Son and Spirit,
Ever joined in bonds of love,
May your church share in union
Of our God, the three-in-one.
May the love of God our Father,
Poured on us in Christ the Son
In the union of His Spirit
Fill our hearts and make us one.

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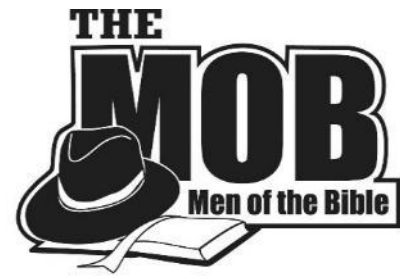
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Keep us steadfast in Your promise,
Standing firm with all the saints
'till at last we come to heaven
And as one we see your face.

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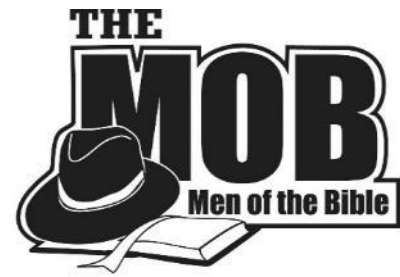


We are one in Christ our savior,
In His death, we all have died.
In His resurrection power,
We in Him are made alive!
So we all, as ransomed sinners,
Stand united in His love,
Drawing near to God together,
By His Spirit, through His Son.

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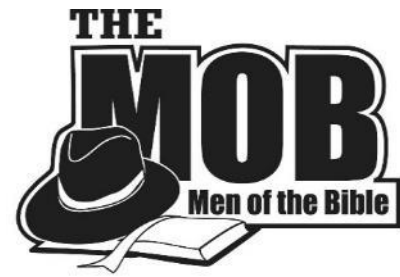
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Through His Word, our gracious Savior
Draws us to Himself in love,
Builds us up into a Temple
Where, by grace, He dwells with us.
On foundations of His promise,
Built on Him, our Cornerstone
May we stand as one forever,
May His love in us be shown.

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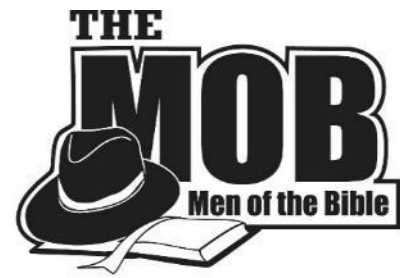
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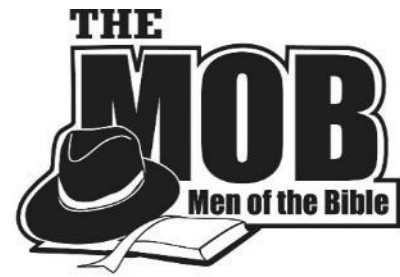


Lord, forgive our sad divisions.
In your Gospel, make us one,
Bound together in Your Spirit,
Brought by Jesus' precious blood.
Living worthy of our calling,
Let us cast all strife aside
'til as one we see His glory
As His perfect, holy bride.

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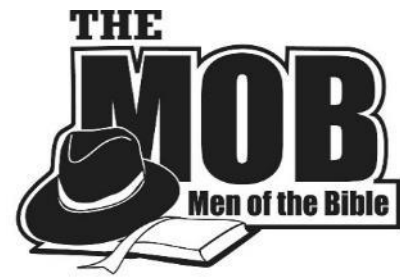
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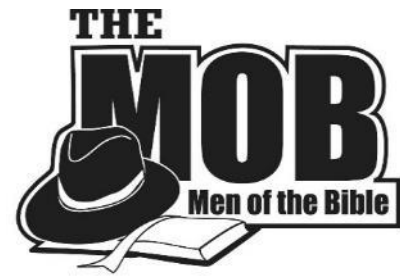
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Memory Verse



1 Cor 3:19-20 (ESV)

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For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”

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Our 1 Corinthians Study

Last Week

- 1 Cor 3:1-15, Splits and Quarrels in the Church
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 1:17
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 56-68; MacArthur, pp. 67-86*
- Refreshment Host: Group F

Tonight

- 1 Cor 3:19-20, Warning to Dividers & Cure for Division
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 1:18
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 69-72; MacArthur, pp. 84-93*
- Refreshment Host: Group G

1 Corinthians Outline

	1:1		4:21		5:1		6:20				7:1		16:4							
Divisions	Report of Divisions		Reason for Divisions		Incest		Litigation Between Believers		Sexual Immorality		Counsel Concerning: Marriage		Counsel Concerning: Things offered to idols		Counsel Concerning: Public Worship		Counsel Concerning: Resurrection		Counsel Concerning: Collection for Jerusalem	
	1:1	1:17	1:18	4:21	5:1	5:13	6:1	6:11	6:12	6:20	7:1	7:40	8:1	11:1	11:2	14:40	15:1	15:50	16:1	16:24
Topics	Divisions in the Church				Disorder in the Church						Difficulties in the Church									
	Concern				Condemnation						Counsel									
Place	Written in Ephesus																			
Time	circa A.D. 56																			

Section Overview

<u>WARNING TO DIVIDERS</u>	16-17
<u>CURE FOR DIVISION</u>	
• Do not be deceived	18
• The Proper view of Ourselves	19-20
• The Proper view of Others	21-22a
• The Proper view of Possessions	22b
• The Proper view of Possessor	23

1 COR 3:16-23 (ESV)

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.

¹⁸ *Take care that* no one deceives himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the sight of God. For it is written: “*He is THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE BY THEIR CRAFTINESS*”; ²⁰ and again, “THE LORD KNOWS THE THOUGHTS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE useless.” ²¹ So then, no one is to be boasting in people. For all things belong to you, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, ²³ and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

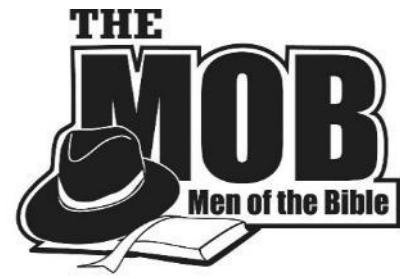
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- A brief review of chapter 3. Paul used an agricultural metaphors (6-9) and a construction metaphor (10-15)
- VV16-17, Paul introduces the image of the local church in Corinth as a Holy Temple of God
- Paul has used “temple” in three different ways (Eph 2:21 and 2 Cor 6:16)(1 Cor 6:19)(2 Thes 2:4)
- V16, where the Holy Spirit dwells
- V17, three examples where God protects the Holiness of His Church (Acts 5:1-11)(James 5:15)(1 Cor 11:28-30)

1 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)



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- **DO NOT BE DECEIVED**
- VV18-24, a summary of chapters 1, 2, and 3
- V18, solution is correct thinking
- Warning against self deception by being enthralled by worldly wisdom
- Always having a differing opinion causes division
- Same rebuke in 6:9, 15:33, and Gal 6.7
- Same verb used when serpent deceived Eve in Genesis 3 (2 Cor 11:3 and 1 Tim 2:14)
- What is the ultimate barrier to truth?
- Believers acting no different that non-believers

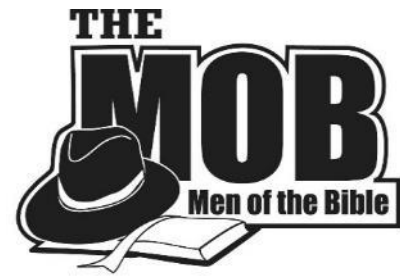
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- **THE PROPER VIEW OF OURSELVES**
- Catches - He traps...in a snare
- Job 5:13, Paul plays off the HANDS of the CRAFTY
- CRAFTINESS – Cleverness (Panourgia) refers to those with sinister motives (2 Cor 4:2 and 11:3)
- Recall Haman and his gallows (Ester 7:7-10)
- Useless – Futile – Fruitless
- V20, Paul translates “Man” as “The Wise
- Psalm 94:11, “The LORD knows human thoughts, that they are mere breath”

1 Corinthians 3:21-22a (ESV)



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- **THE PROPER VIEW OF OTHERS**
- Personality Cults today boasts in men not humility
- “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.” (Psalm 24:1)
- Idolizing people leads to: Disappointment, Disillusionment, and Ultimately a precipitous crash.
- Romans 8:32, all things belong to believers
- V22, rhetorical device of 8. Here we show three:
 - Paul
 - Apollos
 - Cephas

1 Corinthians 3:22b (ESV)

or the world or life or death,
or things present or things to
come; all things belong to
you,

- **THE PROPER VIEW OF POSSESSIONS**
- v22, rhetorical device of 8 (3 people + 5 tyrannies) things already under subject to believers
 - Why be subjected to someone or something
 - See next slide on v23
- Five Tyrannies:
 - World
 - Life
 - Death
 - Today
 - Tomorrow

1 Corinthians 3:23 (ESV)

and you belong to Christ,
and Christ belongs to God.

- **THE PROPER VIEW OF POSSESSOR**
- Two steps:¹
 - All things in subjection (Phil 2:10 Col 2:10)
 - Christ’s lordship over all things follows from Christ’s subordination to God as his servant
- Pronouns “you” in vv21-23 are all plural.
- Last word in 3:23 is theou [2316, 2536], meaning “of God.”

¹Baker, W. (2009). 1 Corinthians. In Cornerstone Biblical Commentary: 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians (Vol. 15, pp. 59–62). Tyndale House Publishers.

Conclusion

**The solution to the problem of division is found
in correct thinking**

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may provide what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:2

Discussion & Application

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How does the statement, in verse 19, about “the wisdom of the world being foolishness to God” relate to, and compare with, the statement in 1:18-25 about the “wisdom of God being foolishness to the world”?

Why does this passage exhort the readers “not to boast in men”?

What’s the point Paul is making by bringing back “Paul and Apollos and Cephas” into the picture?

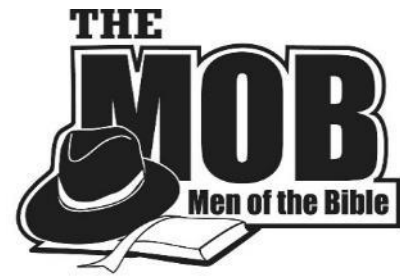
How does “lining up in cliques behind one or another of God’s servants limit God’s blessing on them?”

In what way does this passage make a compelling case for the “unity in the church”?

In what sense does “the world, and all things, belong to believers”—as stated in verse 22?

Discussion & Application

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What will you take away from this lesson?

Who or what is the apostle Paul referring to when he speaks of the “temple of God”?

To whom is the warning of verses 16-17 directed, with what implications?

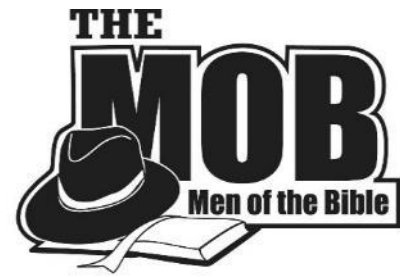
In what way does this passage make a statement of how important the local church is to God?

How does verse 18 continue the contrast between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world?

What is worldly wisdom unable to do according to this passage?

Can you clarify again how one needs to adopt God’s viewpoint in “becoming foolish to become truly wise”?

Next Meeting 10/22



Review

- 1 Cor 3:16-23,
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 3:19-20
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 69-73; MacArthur, pp. 84-93*
- Refreshment Host: Group G

Next Week

- 1 Cor 4:1-21,
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 4:2
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed., pp. 72-87; MacArthur, pp. 95-120*
- Refreshment Host: Group H

Closing

- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

