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# CORINTHIANS

**CHRIST ALONE: TOGETHER**



# Navigating in Love

Paul is helping us navigate how the love of God we have received should pour out of us into the lives of others. While God's love should always be flowing out of us, the reality is, that it will look different depending upon where the people with whom we are interacting are on their spiritual journeys.

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- **Idolaters**

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## Matthew 7:1

<sup>1</sup> “Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

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- **Grieve**

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**“Ought you not rather to mourn?”**

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- **Not be surprised when our loving discipline is not received as such**

# Why do we disassociate?



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- **For the good of the individual**

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- **For the good of the church family**

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- Associate
- **Assess**
  - Don't expect them to live like Christ-treasurers
  - **Meet them where they are**

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- **Grieve**

How do we express Jesus' love?

## Those yet to treasure Christ.

- Associate
- Assess
- Grieve
- **Keep associating (sharing Jesus' love)**

## Matthew 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way,

## **Matthew 5:13-16**

let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

## 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. <sup>15</sup> For we are to God the **pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.** <sup>16</sup> To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?

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17 Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as **those sent from God**.

## 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And **he has committed to us the message of reconciliation**. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore



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**Christ's ambassadors**, as though **God were making his appeal through us**. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

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- **Be invested in getting to know others.**