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CORINTHIANS

CHRIST ALONE: TOGETHER



The Tragedy of Being Deceived

Paul is continuing to help us understand that genuine faith always produces changes in our values, attitudes and behaviors. Those who believe they have genuine faith in Christ and yet are not being spiritually transformed are deceived and in danger of not spending eternity with God. There is nothing more tragic.

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- **Living by world's values:**
 - Disunity
 - Arrogance
 - Elevating messengers
 - Sexual immorality
 - Greedy
 - Idolatry
 - Reviling
 - Drunkenness
 - Swindling
- **Not troubled by these inconsistencies**
 - Not able to resolve disputes

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before those who have no standing in the church? ⁵ I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, ⁶ but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? ⁷ To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? ⁸ But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers!

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