

"THE LINGERING IMPACT OF DIVISION"

I Corinthians 1:10-17

I. INTRODUCTION:

A. When the bride dazzles the wedding guests: (See Rev. 19:2)

1. Invited guests: (Mt. 22:3, 9)
2. What the "righteous (deeds)" of the saints are all about:
3. The Bridegroom's dream for His bride (church): (Mt. 5:16; Jn. 3:16; 12:34-35; 15:12; 1 Jn. 4:10; Rm. 5:8)

B. Paul's plea not to soil your wedding garments: vv. 10-11

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II. "LIVING BELOW, WITH THE SAINTS WE KNOW":

A. The **stench** of division: vv. 11-16

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B. The **source** of division:

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"Lust rejects God's rule and with an insatiable 'desire', seeks its satisfaction in the 'flesh'. It tells us what we don't have is what we need and deserve." (Ja. 4:2)

C. The **solution** for division: v. 17a (See Heb. 12:2) (See back)

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D. The **symposium** on division: v. 17b (Compare Ja. 4:1-2 with Jn. 13:34-35; 15:12; 1 Jn. 3:11-14, 18; 4:7-8, 19-21)

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III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

A.

B.

C.

SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breath my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered,
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.
BE KIND ANYWAY.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.
BE HONEST ANYWAY.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.
BE HAPPY ANYWAY.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.
DO GOOD ANYWAY.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.
GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.
IT NEVER WAS BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY."

"In essentials - unity,
In non-essentials - liberty,
In all things - charity."

Phillip Melancthon