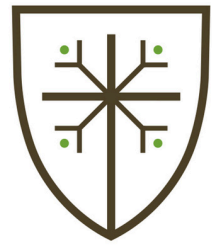


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A Sermon Series on 1 Corinthians

SERMON NOTES



August 3, 2025

SERMON INFO

TITLE

"Worship That Builds Up"

PREACHER

Rev. Craig Chapman

TEXTS

Genesis 11:1-9

1 Corinthians 14:1-19, 23-25

John 17:17-23

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you consider your spiritual giftings? How do you see God using those gifts to build up the Body of Christ?
2. As the center of our life together, how might your gifts be employed in the context of the worship of the church as Craig mentioned?

SERMON IN SUMMARY

This week, Craig continued our sermon series on 1 Corinthians, following up on last week's sermon about a variety of gifts being given for the building up of the church and her members.

Context

To understand Paul's letter to the Corinthian church, it's important for us to understand where they find themselves in human history, more importantly, in the history of God's people. The first major difference between their context and our context is the written word. This church did not have the full written Word of God through which He speaks to his people today. The Holy Spirit had come upon the church at Pentecost and what we know as New Testament scripture was just beginning to be written, including this very letter! They were at the dawn of the Church. The second major difference is in the worship of the church. The New Testament Church was still learning what it meant and looked like to worship together. The development of the liturgical elements of worship we know today was just beginning. There were no rubrics or historical precedent to lean on. The Church was learning how to be the Church.

Connection

Paul's concern with the church in Corinth is that they show God's love to the world by connecting those who gather, building up the church not dividing the church. The spiritual gifts with which God had blessed the Corinthians, specifically the gift of tongues in this passage, was being used to divide instead of connect. God is the giver of all good gifts and intends for His gifts to manifest His Love to You and through you. As Tim talked about last week, they were boasting in some gifts as superior to others and creating levels of value amongst the members of the Body. Paul encourages them not to miss the opportunities God has given to use the variety of gifts they have. Don't get distracted thinking about what you don't have but be faithful with what you do have.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit were meant to unify us in Christ, to build up the whole body in Christ and to demonstrate God's love to both believers and unbelievers in the Church.

Current Application

As we've seen before in this series, there are a lot of similarities between the church in Corinth and our own church in Austin. And just like their church, we too are called to use the variety of gifts in our midst to build up God's people, the Body of Christ. One way Craig said we can do this is simply by making room for others in our worshipping community, welcoming outsiders and newcomers. Our life together starts in worship, so if we're not living for others in worship, we won't go out and live for others out in the world.