

IF YOU KNOW THE GOAL & KNOW WHO YOU ARE, YOU CAN LEARN THE GAME.

**Resurrection/New-Creation is the fulfillment of God's plan:
he will fill the earth with his glory.**

Chapter 1: Believers are those sanctified in Christ Christ/called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours (1.2).

Chapter 2: Paul preached the secret, hidden wisdom of God, decreed before the ages for our glory (1Co 2.7) but now revealed in Christ to those who are new-creation kind of people.

Chapter 3: The Corinthians in their jealousy & strife show they're living as first-creation people, dividing over mere workmen instead of delighting in God who causes all growth, and who is jealous for his people, his temple.

Chapter 4: All workmen are but humble stewards who are to be found faithful, for all that they and we have has been given.

Chapter 5: The church is not to judge outsiders (that's God's job, 5.13) but to judge insiders, so that we might be a sign of the new creation that is now here, but will come in fullness.

Chapter 6: God judges outsiders, so don't let them judge between you.

Chapter 7: In Christ live well in where you are so you're prepared to live in Christ in any circumstance.

7.1-5 re: a false view: marriage with its sexual pleasures is unspiritual

7.6-7 re: concession: most likely re: couples committing to brief abstinences for prayer; commends celibacy but affirms each has their gift from God.

7.8-9 most likely should be translated "widowers and widows" applying Paul's *for now stay as you are* principle to this group.

7.10-11 the Lord's binding instruction to the married

7.12-16 Paul's Spirit-led instruction to *the rest (believers married to unbelievers)*

7.17-24 peace & blessing in Christ transcend all worldly status and roles.

7.25-38 most likely instructions to those betrothed/engaged who are not to live in anxiety because of either the tumultuous days or the tumultuous, confused, Corinthian views of the body, marriage & the coming kingdom.

7.39-40 a final reminder that marriage is for life with an affirmation of the gift of celibacy.

- Be loving to all and if married be faithful (including sexually proactive) to one another; be kingdom driven; test your

contentment and be not quick to think changing your circumstances will satisfy you.

- Be a godly husband, wife, single, single again (by death or divorce), high school student, college student, private first class...

Chapter 8: Gospel love makes you good for the good of your neighbor.

8.6b Jesus Christ alone makes us holy, acceptable to God (justification) and for God (sanctification) that works out our salvation to be a blessing to our neighbors.

1 Corinthians 8:12 Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.^{ESV}

- Christ's love shapes how we use our knowledge and frees us *to eat or drink or NOT* for the sake of our neighbor.
- Shape hearts toward enjoying God and God's enjoyment not rules for outward righteousness

Chapter 9: Let the Gospel shape the church's heart, so we produce deeds which demand gospel-explanation. (9.14, 19)

- The value of the gospel demands that some serve it free from worldly care and congregational control
- but those set free should model the kingdom concerns as sacrificing shepherds. This keeps congregations from judging leaders by fleshly standards
- and enables leaders and people to live toward one another and outsiders in generous gospel-humbled grace.

Chapter 10: Use the scripture to identify the idols that lead you to grumble and demand your rights, so you learn to live for the gospel-good of your neighbor and Christ's church. (10.6, 12-14, 23-24, 32-33)

Proverbs 29:7 A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge.^{ESV}

Proverbs 10:7 ⁷ The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.^{ESV}