
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...with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (1.2).
- Chapter 2:** Paul preached the secret, hidden wisdom of God, decreed before the ages (1Co 2.7) but now revealed to a new-creation people.
- Chapter 3:** When we live in jealousy & strife, we are living as a first-creation people.
- 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, a sign of the new creation that later comes in fullness.
- Chapter 6:** God judges outsiders, so don't let them judge between you.
- Chapter 7:** In Christ live well where you are: then you're equipped to live well anywhere.
- Chapter 8:** Gospel love makes you good for the good of your neighbor.
- Chapter 9:** A gospel-shaped church produces hearts and deeds demanding gospel explanations. (9.14,19)
- Chapter 10:** Use the scripture to identify the idols that lead you to grumble and demand your rights. (10.6, 12-14, 23-24, 32-33)
- Chapter 11:** You will glory in what makes your heart glad: imitate Christ & work/worship sensitive to culture, honoring offices, roles & Christ's body.
- Chapter 12:** Jesus is Lord says: by his cross & resurrection Jesus is king of the new creation and head of his body: use gifts to build up the body.
- Chapter 13:** Christ Jesus is the source of love: he deals with your darkness and equips you to deal with others' darkness...

Chapter 14: Seek spiritual gifts [especially prophecy] to build up the church, for prophecy is for the believing and can even convert visiting outsiders to belief as they see God convicting and ruling Christ's church in a world of disorder and unchecked desires.

Pursue love & the *pneumatika*—especially prophecy—which you can use to build up believers' faith. Tongues without interpretation do not build up the church—indeed they are like foreign tongues God used to judge unbelieving Israel of old—and at Pentecost—where only those who were believing heard the praises of God!

Prophecy is for those who believe; it can convict even outsiders who visit worship and see the secrets of their hearts revealed as the Spirit convicts of sin, leading them to fellowship with the Father, his Son and his church.

God does not want confusion in his church, whether from worship that cannot be understood or from women over-ruling men/elders in the public evaluating of prophecies. Indeed he who over-rules what the apostles teach (scripture) is not to be recognized at all.

Chapter 15: The gospel centers on Christ and his cross, for God fulfills prophecy in historical deeds, begins new creation by Jesus' resurrection, gives through Christ's apostles understanding now proclaimed by humble believers to whom he gives saving, persevering, transforming faith in Christ, who is their hope of resurrection and who makes their labors for his kingdom never in vain.

1Co 15³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures...

Chapter 16: A healthy church is an international, local fellowship full of love for the Lord, led by leaders/households devoted to the service of believers who will both attract outsiders & attract opposition because they long for Christ's return when he completes what he's begun.

1Co 1² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, 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...

1Co 16²² If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!