

PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A GODLESS WORLD

1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 14:26-40

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A CHURCH UNDER REPAIR

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Introduction to the Text:

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**There Are Two Verses Here That Predict
The Outcome of Our Bible Study Today.**

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Three Words Devoted To **Maturity** and **Maturation**.

These Are **Construction Terms** From The 1st Century Era
And they serve us really well in our lesson this morning.

I'm reminded of a church that had a terrible time building their new sanctuary. Everything they planned on doing was prayed over and decided upon and so they launched out. But from the very beginning nothing seemed to work. There was confusion and cost overruns and tempers – until someone figured out that the Plans the church had and the plans the contractor had were 2 different sets of plans.

We need to make sure that we have the Lord's plans and not our own. The Corinthians had their plans – using the church to show-off and exalt themselves rather than building up others.

Acts 2:16-21

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: **:17** *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. :18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. :19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. :20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. :21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.”*

We've been working hard together to better understand the application of the Holy Spirit's tools (gifts) so that we can become a healthy and powerful church made up of healthy and powerful Christians.

“A CHURCH UNDER REPAIR”

WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

1.) Is in need of renovation

v.26-33

IN NEED OF RENOVATION

1a.) Make sure everything is working

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The gifts have been given by our **infallible God**.
But the use of the gifts are in the hands of **fallible man**.

Rather than tearing down – we are desiring to build up.
We are to make this our aim as brothers and sisters.

Ephesians 4:11-12

And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **:12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Ephesians 4:13

till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Ephesians 4:14

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

IN NEED OF RENOVATION

1b.) Make sure everything is functioning

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Judge grk: diakri÷nw diakrino, dee-ak-ree´-no; to separate thoroughly, to apply the light. to discern against the word. To hesitate first.

“Let The Others Judge”

(that is - the fellowship of believers were to judge the word given against the scriptures. In every case, the Old Testament was both the final word and verdict. Which is an excellent point for us grab onto here.)

“The Old Testament was and is as much “the Word of God” as the New Testament. Never think for a moment that the O.T. is not God’s word to us.
(It’s to be understood in light of the New Testament)”

I Believe (and it’s the correct belief) The Church today is Nearly Ignorant of Much of the Power and Truth of the Bible all because we fail to know the Old Testament account.

Romans 15:4

For whatever **things were written before** (*the O.T.*) were written for our learning, that we through **the patience** and **comfort of the Scriptures** (*the O.T.*) might have hope.

What did first century Christians do for encouragement and guidance?
They dove head first into the Old Testament and God illuminated their understanding in light of the New Testament revelation!!!

Being a Berean

Acts 17:10-11

Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. :11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.

1Thessalonians 5:19-21

Do not quench the Spirit. :20 Do not despise prophecies. :21 Test all things; hold fast what is good.

1 Corinthians 12:10

to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy,
to another **discerning of spirits**

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subject grk: 5293. υποταξω **hupotasso**; To be subordinate, to obey, to be under obedience and control of. At your disposal.

James 3:13-18

Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom. :14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. :15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. :16 For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there. :17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. :18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

IN NEED OF RENOVATION

1c.) Making sure everything is in place

:33 For God is not the author of **confusion** but of **peace**,
as in all the churches of the saints.

“A CHURCH UNDER REPAIR”

WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

2.) Is in need of operation

v.34-38

IN NEED OF OPERATION

2a.) Operating with honorable conduct

:34 Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be **submissive**, as **THE LAW also says**. :35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands **at home**; for it is **shameful** for women to speak in church.

!!! The Spiritual Order of God !!!

!!! Women Exalted in Scripture !!!

:35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands **at home**; for it is **shameful** (*a disfigurement*) for women to speak in church.

!!! Women, Uneducated, Getting Educated !!!

!!! Men of God AT HOME !!!

The less intelligent, less refined, less virtuous a generation becomes,
the less value they hold for the things of God.
(MARRIAGE / HOME / CHILDREN / SERVANTHOOD / WOMEN / MEN

IN NEED OF OPERATION

2b.) Operating with humble obedience

:36 Or did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached? :37 If anyone thinks himself to be a **prophet** or **spiritual**, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the Commandments of the Lord.

A sharp rebuke for their “but I was just following the leading of the Spirit” cop out.

Corinthian-itis

An Immature Person – Church, Tends To Think The World Began When They Arrived.
“Now That I’m Here All Is Well”

IN NEED OF OPERATION

2c.) Operating with holy wisdom

:38 But if anyone is **ignorant**, let him be **ignorant**.

ignorant grk: $\alpha\gamma\nu\omicron\epsilon\acute{\omega}$ **agnoeo**, *ag-no-eh'-o*; To elect not to know. Willfully uninformed. Not wanting to know what is knowable.

2 Peter 3:17-18

You therefore, beloved, since you **know this** beforehand, beware lest you also **fall** from your own steadfastness, **being led away** with the error of the wicked; :18 but *(rather)* grow in the **grace** and **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *(in everything, by everything, thru everything)* To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

“A CHURCH UNDER REPAIR”

WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

3.) Is in need of completion

v.39-40

3a.) Together we finish the job

:39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to **prophecy**,

3b.) Together we become all grow'd up

:39 and do not forbid to **speak with tongues**.

3c.) Together we glorify God

:40 Let all things be done **decently** *(well-formed or well shaped)* and **in order**. *(a regular arrangement. a predictable setting)*

Too **much emotionalism** and the church goes nuts and is filled with **confusion and immaturity and spasms**. Too **much routine** and the church dies from a lack of **circulation and rigor-mortis**.

Everything about God's creation and the evidence of His design reveals organization and purpose.

I read recently that **just 1 lightning bolt** passing through the atmosphere near or below 50,000 ft does more to repair, renew, restore and purify the air we breathe than any other technology known to man and it all happens in about 18/1,000's of a Second.

If the LORD uses Lightning Bolts, Hurricanes, Snow Storms & Rain to renew His environment and ecosystem – **then doesn't it make perfect sense that He could use you to enhance, repair, assist and grow His people?**

MAYBE YOU'RE **“A CHRISTIAN UNDER REPAIR”**

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service*. :2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

MEET ME AT “THE COURT”

Will You Agree with God That

Rom. 3:23 you have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God,

Rom. 6:23a That you understand that the wages of sin *is* death,

Rom. 6:23b but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom. 5:8 Believing today that God demonstrates His own love toward you, in that while you were still a sinner, Christ died for you.

Rom. 10:13 But He now says to you that “*if you would call on the name of the LORD you shall be saved.*”

Rom. 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. :10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

End of Study