



FIRST CORINTHIANS

OCTOBER 23, 2022 / THE GOSPEL AS YOUR LIFE / 1 CORINTHIANS 4:6-17

1 CORINTHIANS 1-4 SERVES AS AN INTRODUCTION. BEFORE THE APOSTLE PAUL CAN ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE CONGREGATION, HE WANTS TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR THEIR SOLUTIONS. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE POWER OF GOD, THE WISDOM OF GOD THE ONLY LASTING FOUNDATION UPON WHICH TO BUILD YOUR LIFE. IN THE CLOSING SECTION OF 1 CORINTHIANS 1-4, HE WANTS TO SHOW HOW THIS GOSPEL SHOULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

Read 1 Corinthians 4:6-17.

1. How are these questions important to a right understanding of the Gospel and the Christian life (1 Corinthians 4:7)? (see 1 Corinthians 1:26-31)
2. What are the different views of the Christian life being contrasted here (1 Corinthians 4:8-11)? (see 2 Corinthians 4:7-11)
3. What greater truth is the Apostle attempting to convey in his use of this image to describe Christian ministry or the Christian life (1 Corinthians 4:9) (see 2 Corinthians 2:14-16)?
4. How well does your life reflect the behaviors mentioned here (1 Corinthians 4:12b-13a)? (see Luke 6:27-29)
5. In what specific relationships do you find it most difficult to imitate the Apostle Paul's way of life?
6. Do you have a spiritual mentor in your life, someone who models the Christian life for you? Are you modeling the Christian life for others?

Holy Spirit, help me to be more fully transformed by the Gospel in my life and relationships today.