## A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians "Finding Ourselves"

1 Corinthians 3:18 - 4:5

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Introduction: We are now several weeks into our study of 1 Corinthians.

- 1. The Church of Corinth was a very confused church facing multiple problems.
- 2. Paul had planted this church on his second missionary journey and is now writing to address their many problems.
- 3. In these opening chapters he focuses on unifying a fractured church.
- 4. Their embrace of worldly wisdom had skewed their understanding of God, His plans, and their role in those plans.
- 5. Paul addresses this reality by calling them to know themselves, find their identity in Christ.
- 6. This involves two steps.
- I. Reject Deception
  - A. On Wisdom
  - B. On Men
- II. Embrace Servanthood
  - A. Servant/Steward
  - B. Faithful
  - C. Accountability

Conclusion: What Paul is doing here is putting things in perspective.

- 1. God's way and man's ways are very different.
- 2. Following worldly wisdom will leave you empty and searching.
- 3. But, as we embrace <u>His</u> wisdom, we can find ourselves, our purpose, and live lives of significance.