

A FOOL FOR CHRIST

Tomorrow (Sunday, 07/25) we continue our series in the book of 1 Corinthians (4:6-13). The Apostle Paul wrote this to the church he had founded while on his second missionary journey.

Paul had begun the letter greeting the church. And, then right away began correcting behavior that he saw as a detriment to their spiritual health.

After he had chastised the church for carnality, he had begun to get to the root of their problem. Everything that had transpired, in the contentious congregation, was a symptom of a deeper problem.

The Corinthian problem was one that had plagued and continues to plague the church today. Something that has been around long before the foundation of the world. The disease that Paul was dealing with was "Pride".

It had first raised it's ugly head in Heaven. Satan who had been created to be God's anointed Cherub was given incredible influence and access to the presence of God. Yet, it was written of him, *"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you"* (Ezekiel 28:17).

If pride can worm it's way into the throne room of God, the believer must be aware of it's subtle tactics in attempting to creep into their own heart. Once there, it will begin to erode the trust one has in God. And, will deceive them into thinking that it

was something they had or hadn't done that had caused God's glory to be upon them.

Paul had laid out to the church, in excruciating detail, the foolishness of their wisdom and the wisdom of Christian humility. One drives you away from God the other leads you into a close and intimate relationship with Him.

I've entitled our series, in 1 Corinthians, "*Living Upright in a Fallen World*". It is my prayer the Holy Spirit will ignite a fire in our hearts. And, a desire to burn brightly, for Him, in a world that is desperate to know the power of the Gospel.

Look forward to our time together. Please pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the entire Calvary Chapel family.

There are several opportunities for worship. On campus (10:00am & 12:00pm), drive-in church (92.1fm), and online (Facebook: Calvary Inverness)

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