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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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**Cultural Worship 2**

And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.  
(**Acts 18:8**)

Because of their cultural background of false religions, Paul wrote by Holy Spirit inspiration, details of how different Christian worship is from their cultural practices:

**1) Human philosophy –**

That your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God (**1 Corinthians 2:5**)

**2) Divisiveness –**

For you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?  
(**1 Corinthians 3:3**)

**3) Sexual immorality -**

Flee sexual immorality. (**1 Corinthians 6:18**)

**4) False worship –**

You cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.  
(**1 Corinthians 10:21**)

Worldly cultural practices must be left outside the church of Christ.

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**Have a Good Heart**

[Solomon said:] He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered. (**Proverbs 28:26**)

[Jeremiah said:] The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; who can know it? (**Jeremiah 17:9**)

God's inspired Word tells us, in no uncertain words, not to depend upon what our own heart says about our spiritual condition, but to listen to what God has said. Jesus Christ said:

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man." (**Mark 7:21-23**)

Since evil comes "from within, out of the heart of men," we should "overcome evil with good" (**Romans 12:21**).

A deceitful heart finds no good. (**Proverbs 17:20**)

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**Saints Serving the Poor**

There was no Roman Catholic Church in existence when Paul wrote:

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints.  
(**Romans 1:7**)

They were "distributing to the needs of the saints" (**Romans 12:13**). Paul was:

... Going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. (**Romans 15:25-26**)

There is more than just serving the poor, however, for:

Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.  
(**1 Corinthians 13:3**)

Serving without love "profits nothing." Corinthians "hearing, believed, and were baptized" (**Acts 18:8**) and were "sanctified in Christ Jesus." (**1 Corinthians 1:2**)

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**Rejecting The Gospel**

After hearing Jesus teach,

Many in the crowd said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. (**John 7:41-43**)

The Scripture had plainly said the Ruler in Israel would come from Bethlehem (**Micah 5:2**). Those whose faith did not include this plain Scripture became divided from the others who did. After His resurrection, Jesus said the Gospel for the world included,

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved.” (**Mark 16:16**)

Not accepting His Word has divided the “faith only” from the faith plus baptism.

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**Peter’s Gospel**

Peter wrote:

“All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, But the word of the LORD endures forever.’ Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.” (**1 Peter 1:24-25**)

“The word” Peter preached was/is “the gospel.” He preached:

- 1) Jesus’ resurrection: God “has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (**1 Peter 1:3**);
- 2) Obedience by “obeying the truth through the Spirit” (**1 Peter 1:22**);
- 3) Baptism which “saves” (**1 Peter 3:21**);
- 4) Persecution in which Christians “rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings” (**1 Peter 4:13**);
- 5) We can “resist [the Devil] steadfast in the faith” (**1 Peter 5:8-9**). Is this your religion?

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