1 Corinthians 1 King James Version (KJV)

(This Book was written to the Corinthians by Paul when he was in Philippi. There is already division spreading in the new church in Corinth. This happens when men think they know better and start their own denominations. Follow the teachings of Jesus, not the new traditions of men)

1 Paul called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ <u>through the will of God</u>, and <u>Sosthenes</u> our brother, (Sosthenes = savior of his nation) See Acts-18:12-17 (God called Paul into His service)

²Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, <u>called to be saints</u>, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's: (Christianity is the learning of the Word of Jesus Christ – not of Paul; not of Sosthenes, or any other man)

(called to be saints - these men were called by Jesus into God's service. They didn't volunteer. These would have been a part of the Elect)

John-1:1 (Jesus is the living Word – God in the flesh, the Savior)

- ³Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (Our Lord and Savior)
- ⁴I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; (Not some preacher, but only by Jesus)
- ⁵That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Proverbs-1:7 (The beginning of knowledge and wisdom is to revere and serve God <Yahoveh>)
- ⁶Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: (It was taught to them by Paul. He taught in truth and completeness; but always kept it simple and understandable)
- ⁷So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: (They received the whole package. Paul didn't hold anything back in teaching them the complete Word of God)

*Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (The Millennium) 2Peter-3:7-8

(Live by the Ten Commandments. Help others understand and learn God's Word. Repent, when you sin, and be proven worthy at judgment)

⁹God is faithful, <u>by whom ye were called</u> unto the fellowship of <u>his Son</u> Jesus Christ our Lord. (They were called by God to become teachers and pastors)

(his son = His Begotten – better translation. Jesus is God in the flesh form of a man) Isaiah-7:14, John-1:1

(God begat Himself, through Mary, to walk in the flesh with us. He didn't have children. He came to teach us His Word and to open salvation to all people. When He resurrected, He defeated death <Satan> for all who choose to follow Him and live a Christian life)

¹⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that <u>there be no divisions among you</u>; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. (They were already setting up little denominations under the "leadership" of some self-appointed "lieutenants". Preachers can't seem to resist making a name for themselves)

(The head of any Christian church is Jesus Christ <God as a flesh man> - because we are in a flesh body. God never asked us to do something that He wouldn't do Himself)

NOTE: (When God said – Let us make man in our image, He included Himself. We were there with Him, in the First Age)

"For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. (This was the beginning of organized religion. It didn't take long for men to corrupt God's Word. Paul warned them to stick to God's Word but they didn't obey)

(People began to make their own "interpretations" of God's Word. It still goes on today in what we call denominations)

¹²Now this I say, that every one of you saith, <u>I am of Paul</u>; and <u>I of Apollos</u>; and <u>I of Cephas</u>; and <u>I of Christ</u>. (All Christians should be of Christ ONLY. Paul knew that and taught them that way)

¹³ Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? (No)

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; (It doesn't matter who baptized you. You were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ)

¹⁵Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. (It would be blasphemy for any man to try to replace Jesus Christ as the savior)

NOTE: (Division is the M.O. of Satan. He works to turn people against each other in order to create confusion. The liberal left of today works in the same way, for the same goal. The classify people by race and gender <identity politics> in order to keep us divided)

¹⁶ And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. (He baptized people in the name of Jesus Christ; not in the mane of Paul)

"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but <u>to preach the gospel</u>: not with wisdom of words, <u>lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect</u>. (And yet, that's exactly what happened to Christianity over the years, because of these denominations)

(Today, none of those Christian churches teach the Word of God. They teach traditions of men. They preach sermons, written in fancy eloquence, by some preacher; instead of teaching the Word of God, chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

¹⁸ For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. (Look at Americans today – sectarians instead of Christians)

(Non-believers regard Christianity as foolishness. They are in danger of perishing, spiritually. We see Christianity as the power and salvation of God in our lives now and in the afterlife forever)

- ¹⁹For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. (Wisdom in the ways of the world amount to nothing in the end. The wisdom we seek is God's wisdom) Isaiah-29:14, Proverbs-1:7
- ²⁰ Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? (There is no common sense in the world today. People worship movie stars, rock stars, athletes and other rich celebrities)
- ²¹ For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. (The world sees preaching God's Word as foolishness. Regardless, by the power and grace of God, we continue to preach and teach so that those who choose to learn have a chance at salvation)
- ²²For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: (The Jews didn't believe that Jesus was Messiah. They're still waiting. The Greeks seek the wisdom of the world, not the Wisdom of God)
- ²³ But <u>we preach Christ crucified</u>, unto the <u>Jews a stumblingblock</u>, and unto <u>the Greeks foolishness</u>; (These Jews also include the Kenites. They were behind the murder of Jesus on the cross)

(These Greeks seek worldly wisdom – Philosophy, Psychology, etc...)

Genesis 3:15 ("it shall bruise thy head and thou shall bruise his heel" This was the first prophecy regarding the crucifixion of Jesus <God with us> and a death sentence to Satan at the great Judgment Day) also see Hebrews-2:14

- ²⁴ But unto <u>them which are called</u>, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. (The Elect are the called ones. Their spiritual eyes are open)
- ²⁶Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (If God ever had a foolish thought, it would still be wiser than the greatest wisdom of any man)

²⁶ For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: (God's Word has little to nothing to do with the wisdom of the world)

NOTE: (God doesn't call people because of their worldly status. HE calls us because we truly believe; because we study His Word chapter by chapter, verse by verse; and because we try to live a good life by the Ten Commandments)

²⁷ But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; (God's Elect will stand against the world order of antichrist in the end days. They will be victorious over him, by the power of God)

(This will confound the people who have power and wealth; and are wise in the ways of the world) See Mark-13, Mathew-24

²⁸ And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: (The important things of the world – wealth, power, lust, greed – these are despised by God. Many of the wealthy people of this world didn't make all that money by helping anyone but themselves. Most of them get very rich through deceit, abuse of power and theft)

²⁹ That no flesh should glory in his presence.

³⁰ But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: (These are the gifts that God brings)

³¹That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. Jeremiah-9:23-24 (Glory in the Word of God, not in the ways of the world)