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Lesson #1 = Saints Can Overcome... Problems Regarding Unity (I Corinthians 1)

Introduction: Starting today I am beginning a new series on the book of I Corinthians. The church in Corinth had many issues but we must remember that the apostle Paul called them "saints" (I Corinthians 1:2). He knew they could overcome their problems. I think we can learn from Paul's wisdom. We need to stop looking at our struggles and start searching for solutions. Today we will talk about how to overcome problems regarding unity. Open your Bible to I Corinthians 1. Let's read and study together...

Discussion:

I. What Is The Problem?

- Division over vision.
I Corinthians 1:1-9, Proverbs 29:18, Hosea 4:6
- Division over people.
I Corinthians 1:10-17, Matthew 16:18, Romans 16:16
- Division over message.
I Corinthians 1:18-31, Romans 1:16, Galatians 1:8

II. How Can We Overcome It?

- Define the church as a person.
I Corinthians 1:2, 10:32, 11:22, 12:28, 14:4-5, 14:12, 15:9, 16:19
- Define the church as a place.
I Corinthians 4:17, 11:18, 14:19, 14:23, 14:28, 14:34-35
- Define the church as a thing.
I Corinthians 6:4, 7:17, 11:16, 14:33, 16:1, 16:19

Conclusion: I want this lesson, and this series of lessons, to inspire and encourage all of us. We have got to stop looking at our struggles and start looking at solutions. The problem with the divisions in Corinth is that they could have been solved, if they would only look inside their hearts. The crux of the book will be chapter 13. Saints can overcome problems with unity! God can help us! Is your heart divided? Are you seeking unity within the body of Christ? We must remember that we are saints. We can overcome.