

## RED HOT FREEDOM

### WEEK 2: UNITE, DON'T FIGHT!

#### I. Review

Apollos — Acts 18:24-28

#### II. The Problem: Divisions and Disunity

- Greeks —
- Jews —
- Romans —
- Plus —

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. <sup>11</sup>My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.

<sup>12</sup>What I mean is this: One of you says,

- "I follow Paul";
- another, "I follow Apollos";
- another, "I follow Cephas";
- still another, "I follow Christ."

—1 Corinthians 1:10-12

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still *worldly*—mere infants in Christ.

<sup>3</sup>You are still *worldly*. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not *worldly*? Are you not acting like mere humans? —1 Corinthians 3:1, 3

"What can be said with confidence is that the root of the problem was the Corinthian addiction to the power, prestige, and pride....with its emphasis on the glory of human wisdom and attainment and its corresponding flagrant and flamboyant lifestyle."

—Dictionary of Paul and His Letters

### III. The Solution

<sup>18</sup>Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise.

—1 Corinthians 3:18

### IV. In Our Life Today

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

**As teammates, here's what we need to not do -**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to one another (Your Christian sister is not your competition).
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ other pastors, worship leaders, Bible teachers pointing out their faults
- C. Let \_\_\_\_\_ get in the way of celebrating others' successes.

Reminders:

- Cindy's Top Secret Site: <http://www.cindybultema.com/corinth/>
- Cross Handout
- Bookmarks & the 1 Corinthians Reading Plan (Read Chaps 4 & 5 for next week)
- Scripture Memory Cards