

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: "Ending on the Main Thing" (Part 2)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

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I. FIVE USEFUL, SIMPLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD COMMANDS FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

*"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."
(1 Corinthians 16:13-14)*

- 1) Be watchful (be alert)... always!
- 2) Stand firm... in the faith!
- 3) Be mature... like a grown man!
- 4) Be strong... in the Lord!
- 5) Be loving... in all that you do and all that you say!

II. SEEING AND CELEBRATING GODLY EXAMPLES OF FAITH AND LOVE

1 Corinthians 16:15-18 -

- 1) "household" - It's a blessing to serve the Lord as an individual AND as a family!
- 2) "converts" - EVERYONE who is a "convert" is gifted and qualified to serve in some way!
- 3) "devoted" - These dear believers had given themselves entirely to serving others!
- 4) "be subject" - Find someone serving well and follow them; partner with them; learn from them!
- 5) "rejoice" - Christian fellowship can be (should be!) a source of great joy and comfort!

- 6) "refreshed" - Fellowship, which is not cheap but takes time, ought to help refresh our soul!

Psalm 19:7-8 -

- 7) "recognition" - Those who serve and love well should be recognized, celebrated, and honored!

III. ENDING ON THE SUPREMACY AND GRACE OF JESUS

1) The “global-ness” of the Church. (verse 19a)

1 Peter 5:9 -

2) The “local-ness” of the Church. (verse 19b)

3) The warmth of the Church. (verses 20-21)

1 Corinthians 12:24b-26 -

4) The supreme passion of the Church. (verse 22)

John 3:18; John 3:36; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23 -

5) The ongoing hope and strength of the Church. (verses 23-24)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. How did the believers “refresh” (verse 18) Paul’s spirit? How can we help “refresh” one another?
2. Why should we “give recognition” (verse 18) to faithful believers? How does this honor God? Who should you “recognize”? Has God used someone in your life to comfort and encourage you?
3. What’s the point of the “holy kiss” in verse 20? What does it communicate?
4. How is verse 22 a short summary of the Gospel message?
5. Why are verses 23-24 such hope-filled verses? What do they tell us about our future?