

**what kind of
confidence?**

1 Corinthians 1:1–17



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The church in Corinth:

Confident in the wrong way
and based on the wrong things.

Paul wants them to have confidence based on Jesus (v1-9),
not confidence based on teachers or tribes (v10-17).

Confidence based on Jesus (v1-9)

v1-3: Called into Jesus's people

v4-6: Given every good gift

v7-9: Guaranteed their future

Confidence based on Jesus (v1-9)

humble confidence

Not confidence based on teachers
or tribes (v10-17)

The **problem** in Corinth:

- ▶ Too influenced by surrounding culture
- ▶ Itinerant philosophers
 - eloquent & entertaining,
 - gathering a fan-base & funding,
 - “lovers of wisdom”
- ▶ They’ve put Apollos in this mould, dismissing Paul
- ▶ Disregarding the message of Jesus Paul preached + the ethical implications he taught
- ▶ More philosophical, ‘spiritual’, flexible kind of faith

Apollos is brilliant

Paul isn't very spiritual or wise

We understand the true 'wisdom' now

Disregarding the cross and ignoring its moral implications

pride / boasting / competitiveness

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“Baptism truly is a great thing; but its greatness is not the work of the person baptizing, but of Him who is invoked in the baptism”

John Chrysostom

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“Paul claims that he did not preach in a status-conferring manner.”

Anthony Thiselton

**“Don’t attach your confidence to anyone
who wasn’t crucified for you!”**

Confidence based on Jesus,
not based on teachers or tribes.

- How invested are we in what kind of Christian we are?
- How do we talk about different churches?

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