

”I am of Paul...I am of Apollos’ (1 Cor 3:4)”

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**I am of Paul ...
I am of Apollos**

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. v10

1 Corinthians 1:12-13

Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

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And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

1 Corinthians 3:1-4

Background of 1 Corinthians

- Carnal Corinth – Vanity fair
- Acts 18

Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: -

1 Corinthians 1:1-2

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus v4

that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, v5

so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, v6

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For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

1 Corinthians 1:17

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those
who love Him.”

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

1. No new revelation. (2 Timothy 3:17)
2. Human interpretations are fallible
3. Not restricted to certain believers
4. Spiritual Devotion (Eph. 4:30-31)
5. Diligent study (Ezra 7:10)
6. Progressive Revelation

Holy Spirit & Interpretation