

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Paul's 1st epistle to the church of Corinth has been primarily focused on living a life that has been "set-apart" by God and to God.
- \* Paul closes this epistle reminding the church of their need to remain strong in the midst of the spiritual war!
- \* At the crossroads of culture, there are sure to be many "battles" as we seek to proclaim the good news of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Paul warned the churches, there are sure to be attacks from within and without.

**INSTRUCTION****I. PAUL'S FINAL E\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13-18)**

**A. Be A\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13; cf. Matthew 24:42-43; 25:13; 26:38-41; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Thess 5:6; 1 Peter 5:8)**

**B. Be S\_\_\_\_\_ ... in the faith (v. 13; cf. Gal 5:1; Phil 1:27; 4:1; 1 Thess 3:8; 2 Thess 2:15; Eph 6:10-18)**

**C. Be M\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)**

**D. Be S\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13; cf. 2 Thess 2:15; Heb 4:14; Rev 2:12-17)**

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**E. Be L\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14)**

**F. Be S\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15-18)**

- \* cf. Luk 2:51; 10:17-20; Rom 8:7; 10:3; 13:1,5; 1 Cor 14:32,34; 15:27-28; Eph 5:15-21 ..... Matt 28:16; Luke 7:8; Acts 13:48

**II. PAUL'S FINAL C\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19-24)**

**A. His S\_\_\_\_\_ to the C\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19-21)**

**B. His D\_\_\_\_\_ of the F\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22; cf. 1 Cor 12:3; Rom 9:3)**

1. THE C\_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS DENUNCIATION

2. THE O\_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS DENUNCIATION (cf. Matthew 7:21-27; John 14:23-24)

**C. His B\_\_\_\_\_ to the S\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23-24)**

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* ARE YOU STANDING IN THE MIDST OF THE SPIRITUAL WAR?
- \* ARE YOU PUTTING ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD?
- \* HOW WELL DO YOU WORK WITH OTHERS?
- ARE YOU ALWAYS NEEDING TO HAVE YOUR WAY, OR ARE YOU ABLE TO COME ALONG "UNDER" OTHERS?
- \* ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD OF CHRIST: DO YOU LOVE JESUS?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

*It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.*

- \* How can we best en-courage one another?
- \* How can we best determine the balance between leading and submitting? When should we "stand firm" and when should we "submit"?
- \* How can we improve at loving and receiving one another in the body? How can we grow in our ability to minister to visitors and "new attendees"?