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Instructions to the Church

1 Corinthians 1:2 (NIV) To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours:

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1 Corinthians 1:1 (NIV) Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

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1 Corinthians 1:3 (NIV) Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Jonah 4:2 (NIV) ...I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.

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John 14:27 (NIV) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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1 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV) I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

Quit becoming distracted by pride and focus on the one thing that puts everything into perspective.

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Ι	Ιησους	=	Jesus
χ	Χριστός	=	Christ
θ	θεός	=	God
ύ	υιός	=	Son
ς	σωτήρ	=	Savior

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To a world bent on social unity and moral laxity, the cross stands as a divisive and humiliating obstacle. Attempts to minimize its offense through laws and intimidation have bullied both secular and church leaders into continual compromise. Public crosses are demolished or hidden; Bibles are forbidden in schools, the traditional days for celebrating the resurrection

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have been renamed "spring break;" and countless corporations and government agencies ban cross-shaped pins or jewelry. Even Jesus Himself has become a popular target for media mockery and ridicule! Results-driven churches and Christian colleges are marketing a new, more inclusive form of Christianity. Afraid to offend unbelievers, they present a watered-down version of the gospel

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that veils the significance of the cross. Trained to pursue self-esteem rather than self-surrender, few share Paul's delight in the source of our salvation:

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Galatians 6:14 (NIV) May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

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II. The World is Judged by the Cross.

1 Corinthians 1:18a (NIV) For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,

Isaiah 64:6 (NIV) All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

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Matthew 22:11-13 (NIV) ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless.

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¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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Luke 23:42 (NIV) “Remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Luke 23:43 (NIV) “Today you will be with me in paradise”

Luke 23:39 (NIV) “He hurled insults at him: “Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”.

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John 3:14 (NIV) Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

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III. The World is Saved by the Cross.

1 Corinthians 1:18b (NIV), “To us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

John 3:15 (NIV) that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

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III. The World is Saved by the Cross.

1 Corinthians 1:18b (NIV), “To us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

1 Corinthians 2:5 (NIV) so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.



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