

I. The Corinthians are living as if they were “_____” of Christ

- A. A mix of a “hot” and “cold” sins – all _____
- B. The deeper, definitive problem: lack of _____
“I fear that I may have to _____ over those who sinned and have not repented” [12:21a]
- C. The Corinthians are _____, careless, drifting into nominalism
“Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die” [Revelation 3:2a]

II. Paul’s response is born of love--he is their _____ in the faith

- “I became your father in Christ Jesus through the _____” [First Corinthians 4:15b]*
- A. Tender--“I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls.” [12:15]
 - B. Tough--“We cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth” [13:8]
 - 1. Truth telling is an act of _____
 - 2. Love may require a wakeup call--an _____
 - C. The goal is to _____ others up--“It is all for your upbuilding, beloved.” [12:19]
“Your _____ is what we pray for” [13:9b]

III. The path of life is repentance

Vs. “my bad” and the king of non-apologies: “_____ were made”
 “_____ yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith” [13:5]

- A. Two faulty ways to examine ourselves:
 - 1. No real _____ – vague and wandering
 - 2. Endless _____ -- gazing
- B. Two ways to help us to truly examine ourselves:
 - 1. Focus on the Word of God
 - a. The Word is a _____ - it exposes our blemishes--our sins and indifference
 - b. The Word gives us objective standards
“I have _____ your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” [Ps. 119:11]
 - i. _____--“No one born of God will make a _____ of sinning” [First John 3:9]
 - ii. _____ for one another
 - 2. Participation in the Lord’s Supper
 Consistent self-examination is a benefit of regularly receiving the Lord’s Supper
 It is not primarily about us--it is about our Savior and His _____
- C. Honest self-examination drives us to _____
- D. Repentance is the portal to joy! The best _____ involve repentance!

IV. The love of Christ is compelling

- A. Jesus’ work is sufficient to save us to the uttermost
- B. His grace _____ and enables us to live for His glory