

Don't Be Such a Baby!

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it.

Wall #1: "Basalea" — βασιλεία — Acts 1:3 & Acts 28:23

- The Church of Jesus Christ living for and proclaiming His Kingdom

Wall #2: "Koinonia" — κοινωνία — Acts 2:42-47

- The Church of Jesus Christ and living in His Community vertically and horizontally

Wall #3: "Ekklesia" — ἐκκλησία

- The Church of Jesus Christ and His " _____ " Ones, set apart as holy in an unholy world

5 Words/Phrases We Find to Describe the Erosion of Ekklesia:

1. _____
2. Unholy _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. Lack of Urgency — _____

1 Corinthians 1:12-13

*My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are **quarrels among you**.¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."¹³ Is Christ divided?*

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

*Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are **still worldly—mere infants** in Christ.² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?*

Background of the City and Ekklesia in Corinth

(Acts 18 & the letter of 1 Corinthians)

The erosion is caused by these childish and deadly factors:

- **Divisive** _____
- **Childish** _____
- **Spiritual** _____



Digging Deeper

(for group examination and conversation, and for individual reflection)

RECOGNIZING DIVISIVE FACTIONS *(15 minutes)*

- Who are Christian leaders that you have great respect for—and why?
- Were there any Christian leaders in your past growing-up years? How much of your personal faith today is based on what you learned from them?
- How much have you grown spiritually beyond those earlier days? Why and how?

DEALING WITH MY CHILDISH INDEPENDENCE *(15 minutes)*

- Where did your personal spiritual journey begin?
- Looking at the application points from today's study, where and when have childish independence and arrogance been detrimental to you and your current spiritual growth?
- Where do you believe your spiritual growth should go from this point forward?

GROWING UP BEYOND MY SPIRITUAL SUPERIORITY *(25 minutes)*

Study these passages together as a group. With each passage, challenge yourself with how to grow deeper in Christ. Remember, these are from the letters to the Ekklesia congregations that emerged out of the story of Acts. These are God's instructions to His Ekklesia on how to be holy in an unholy world.

- 1 Corinthians 13:11-12
- 1 Corinthians 14:20
- Ephesians 4:14-16
- Colossians 2:6-8