



# GROWING A SPIRIT FILLED COMMUNITY

*A Survey in  
1 Corinthians*

**“Unity, to be real, must  
stand the severest strain  
without breaking.”  
Mahatma Gandhi**



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# Disunity video

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**“Has Christ been divided into  
factions?**

**Was I, Paul, crucified for you?  
Were any of you baptized in the  
name of Paul?”**

**1 Corinthians 1:13**



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# 1 Corinthians

## 1/2

### Unity Through the Power of the Cross



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# 1. The Power of the cross destroys sin and death



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**“Christ made us right  
with God; he made us  
pure and holy, and he  
freed us from sin”**

**1 Corinthians 1:30**



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# Musa-visual talk

“It is finished!”



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**The power of the cross destroys sin and death**

**For God so loved the world that He  
gave his one and only Son, that  
whoever believes in Him shall not  
perish but have eternal life. For God  
did not send his Son into the world to  
condemn the world, but to save the  
world through Him  
John 3:16/17**



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**The power of the cross destroys sin and death**

**For it is by grace you have been  
saved, through faith—and this is not  
from yourselves, it is the gift of  
God—not by works, so that no one  
can boast.**

**Ephesians 2:8/9**



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1. The Power of the cross destroys sin and death
2. The power of the cross creates hope.



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The power of the cross creates hope

**“So when we preached that  
Christ was crucified the Jews  
are offended and the Gentiles  
say it’s all nonsense.”**

**1 Corinthians 1:23**



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The power of the cross creates hope

**“For only as a human being could He die, and only by dying could He break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could He set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying”**

**Hebrews 2:14/15**



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The power of the cross creates hope

**“These men are servants of  
the Most High God, and they  
have come to tell you how to  
be saved.”  
Acts 16:16**



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The power of the cross creates hope



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1. The Power of the cross  
destroys sin and death
2. The power of the cross  
creates hope
3. The power of the cross  
draws ALL people to God



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The power of the cross draws ALL people to God

**“I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather be of one mind united in thought and purpose”**

**1 Corinthians 1:10**



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**The power of the cross draws ALL people to God**

**“After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb”**

**Revelation 7:9**



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**What difference would it make to your life  
if the cross was always your central point?  
What difference would it make to your  
relationship with God?  
And your relationship with others?**



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*[Leader:]* See my Servant, says the God of hope,  
**[All:] wounded, scarred and broken.**

*[Leader:]* Many shall see and be astonished:  
nations, startled and shocked,  
their leaders staring and speechless.  
He was wounded to bring wholeness.



*[Leader:]* Come my servant, says the God of hope,  
**[All:] wounded, scarred and broken.**

*[Leader:]* Go into a world which is battered  
and bruised,  
its peoples hungry and without hope.  
Walk with my people, and bring wholeness.



God of hope, you sent Jesus,  
wounded, scarred and broken, to walk with us.

**[All:] Send us now,  
your wounded, scarred and broken church,  
to bring wholeness and hope. Amen.**