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Key Themes

1. Since the church is the dwelling place of God's Spirit, the people who make up the church should work for unity by building each other up. [1:10-4:21](#) (esp. [3:10-16](#); [14:12](#))
2. Christians should build up the church in four practical ways:
 - a. they should be sensitive to those of fragile faith. [8:1-9:18](#); [10:28, 33](#)
 - b. they should win unbelievers through culturally sensitive evangelism. [9:19-23](#); [10:27, 32-33](#)
 - c. they should conduct worship services in such a way that unbelievers present might come to faith. [14:16, 23-25](#)
 - d. their corporate worship should use spiritual gifts not for personal display, or evaluating who has a better gift, but to build up the church. [11:2-16](#); [12:12-30](#); [14:1-35](#)
3. Sexual relations form a union between man and woman as profound as the union of the believer with Christ, and so sexual activity should be confined to marriage. [5:1-13](#); [6:12-20](#); [7:5, 9, 36](#)
4. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are important, but both are subordinate to personal trust in the gospel and to living in the way that God commands. [1:14-17](#); [10:1-5](#); [11:17-34](#); [15:29-34](#)
5. The bodily resurrection of Jesus (and of his followers) from the dead is a critical component of Christian faith and practice. [6:14](#); [15:1-58](#)