

Message Notes

"Abusing the Lord's Table - pt 1"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "Whacked out Worship!"

Doing more harm than good

1 Corinthians 11:17

What are we trying to accomplish in a worship gathering?

1. Worship
2. Teaching
3. Fellowship
4. Outreach

1, 2 = Reverence
3, 4 = Relevance

What harm would look like in each of these

1. Worship
2. Teaching
3. Fellowship
4. Outreach

How your attitude can negate worship

1 Corinthians 11:18-19

The very nature of the gospel is profaned by pride

1 Corinthians 11:20-22a

Paul's displeasure with them

1 Corinthians 11:22b

Application - "Do you come to worship?"

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Isaiah 43:5-6

I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

2 Timothy 4:2-5

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1 Corinthians 2:4-5

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Hebrews 10:25

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Matthew 28:18-20

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FREAK SHOW

\$7.00 ADMISSION!

CHURCH IN CRISIS

A STUDY OF PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ANCIENT CORINTH

PART ONE: "CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?!"
1 CORINTHIANS, CHAPTERS 1-4

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PART 3 - 1 COR 7

RELATIONAL SIMPLEXITY!

SINGLENESSE DIVORCE SEX IN MARRIAGE
MARRIAGE RE-MARRIAGE

SEX AND THE CITY OF CORINTH



ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK



PART 4:
FREEDOM!

~ WHAT IS IT?

~ HOW DO WE GET
IT?

~ HOW DO WE
PRESERVE IT?



WHACKED out WORSHIP

HONORING GOD REVERENTLY...

AND RELEVANTLY

Hope Community Church Rally Sunday Sermon Topic:

Head Coverings for Women (1 Cor 11:2-16)



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ABUSING THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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**What are we trying to do when we
meet together?**

1. Worship



2. Teaching



3. Fellowship



Fellowship

4. Outreach



Worship / Teaching



REVERENCE

Fellowship / Outreach



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RELEVANCE





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Worship

Worship is setting our

Mind's Attention

Heart's Affection

Will's Adaptation

Behavior's Activation

on God's All Satisfying Glory.



Teaching

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What would it look like if a church were doing “more harm than good”?

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Fellowship

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How your attitude toward one another can negate worship

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The gospel is profaned when you don't honor one another

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“It is possible to visit the site excavated by the American team led in the late 1970s by James Wiseman of the villa dated between AD 50 and 75 at Anaploga. It lies outside the formal boundaries of the site of ancient Corinth beyond the Erastus inscription. In the Museum of Corinth inside the formally contained site of ancient Corinth the impressive mosaic floor of the triclinium (dining room) remains in view and is sufficiently complete to compare its size with the site from which it has been removed. The triclinium measures 5.5×7.5 meters, giving a floor area of 41.25 square meters (roughly 24×18 feet). If we allow for the couches on which guests could recline at an appropriate table, it may well be the case that nine guests may have been a normal maximum for this comfortable dining area.

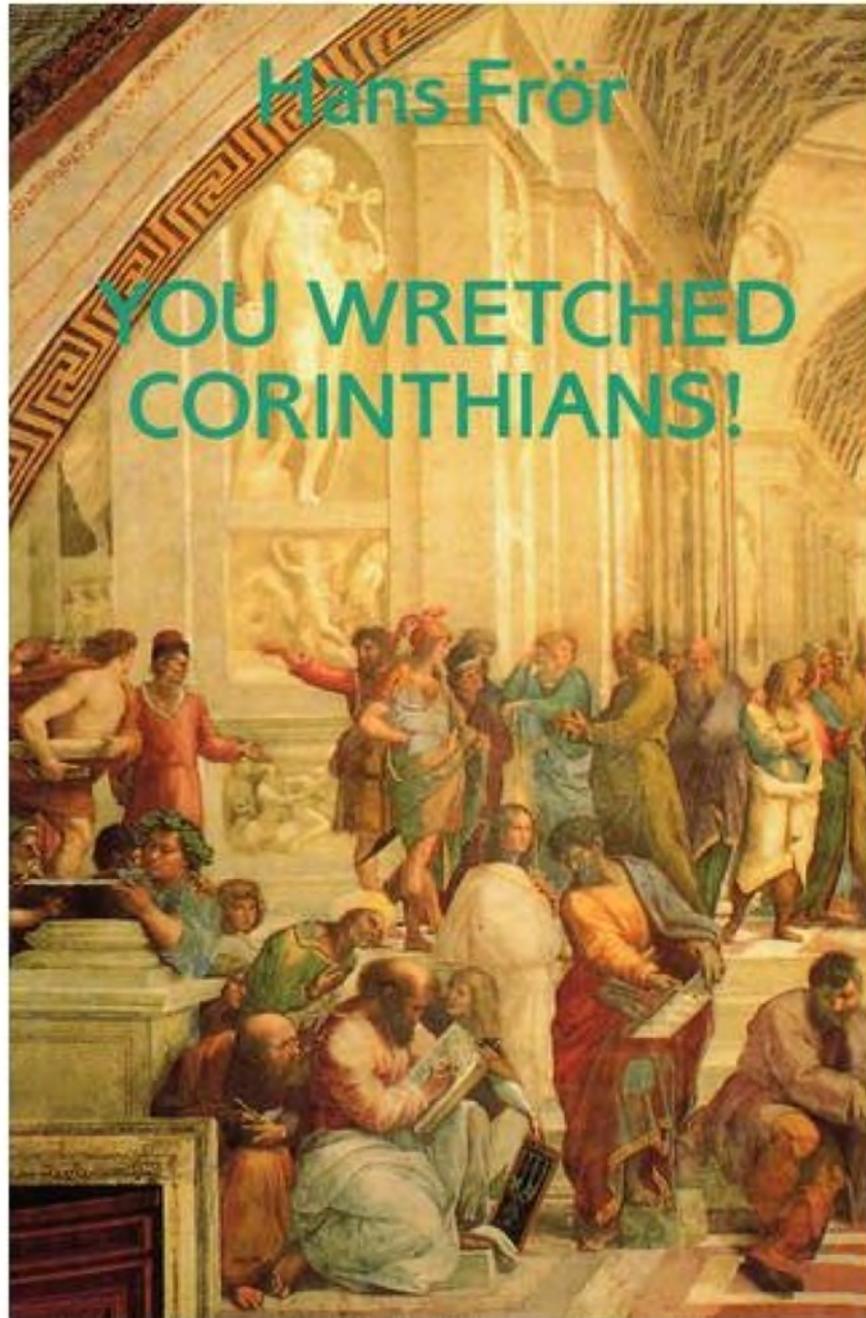
“ An entrance vestibule led into a central atrium or courtyard-hallway, which in turn led to four or five other rooms. These included the triclinium. The atrium measured 5 × 6 meters (approximately 16 × 20 feet). However, the *impluvium* (pool to collect water) stood at its center, thereby diminishing practical floor space. Between twenty and thirty people might be able to squeeze into such a place. If they sat or stood between thirty and forty would be possible.

“It is quite clear that when more than nine or ten people came to dinner, the poorer or less esteemed guests would be accorded space not in the already occupied triclinium but in the scarcely furnished atrium, which functioned in effect as an “overflow” for those who were, in the eyes of the host, lucky to be included at all. The quality of food, drink, service, and comfort would be of a higher order in the triclinium, especially if some in the atrium could arrive only after the best of the meal was over.”

~ Anthony C. Thiselton, *The First Epistle to the Corinthians : A Commentary on the Greek Text* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: W.B. Eerdmans, 2000), 860.

Hans Frör

YOU WRETCHED
CORINTHIANS!



“They’re bothering about veils, as though one had only to throw away a bit of material and everyone would be equal at the Lord’s table.... ‘Not slave and free, not poor and rich! That makes me laugh! Clearly the better class gentlemen have been looked after for quite some time in the dining room when our kind comes rushing along. They eat lavishly, drink the finest wines.... They mix up the well-laid table of the master of the house with the Lord’s table.... If we’re lucky, all that’s left for the shared meal is a bit of bread and a sip of wine.... We get the bits.”

~ Hans Frör, *You Wretched Corinthians!* (Eng. trans., London: SCM, 1995), 59.



FAVORITISM

It exists everywhere.

Paul's displeasure with them...

1 Corinthians 11:22a

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Application Questions

Are you here to worship?

Is there anyone in this room that
you look down on?

Is there anyone in the world that
you look down on?