

Challenge of Teen Evangelism

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I. Introduction.

II. The sinfulness of the Corinthians. (1 Corinthians 1:1-2)

A. The church at Corinth were the church of God, sanctified in Christ Jesus and saints.

1. This is what people were in the sight of God through the grace of God.

2. This is what we are also in God's sight and through his grace.

3. We have been sanctified in Christ Jesus. God cleanses us from our sins and clothes us in Christ's righteousness.

B. The Corinthians were not what they were in God's sight as they were in the sight of men because of their works of the flesh—they were immature.

C. The biggest problem in the church today is being saved and stuck.

D. What comes when churches are immature.

1. Clash of personality.

2. Moral failure.

III. The immaturity of the Hebrews.

A. They were "the holy brethren," but they were dull of hearing.

B. They were babes in Christ.

C. One of the marks of the mature Christian is the ability to discern between good and evil.

D. They were dull of doing because they were dull of hearing—they were no good to God.

E. The reason they were dull in these areas because they were not in the Word of God.

F. You can be immature because of what you do or because of what you do not do.

G. If we do not lead a person on after bringing them to Christ, we only create problems.

IV. The answer to immaturity.

A. We must leave the ABCs of Christ and go on to perfection.

B. Perfection means maturity.

Application questions:

1. What are some different ways that immaturity manifests itself?

2. How should we respond to this problem in the churches?

3. Why is a long Christian tradition not enough to ensure Christian maturity? Explain.
