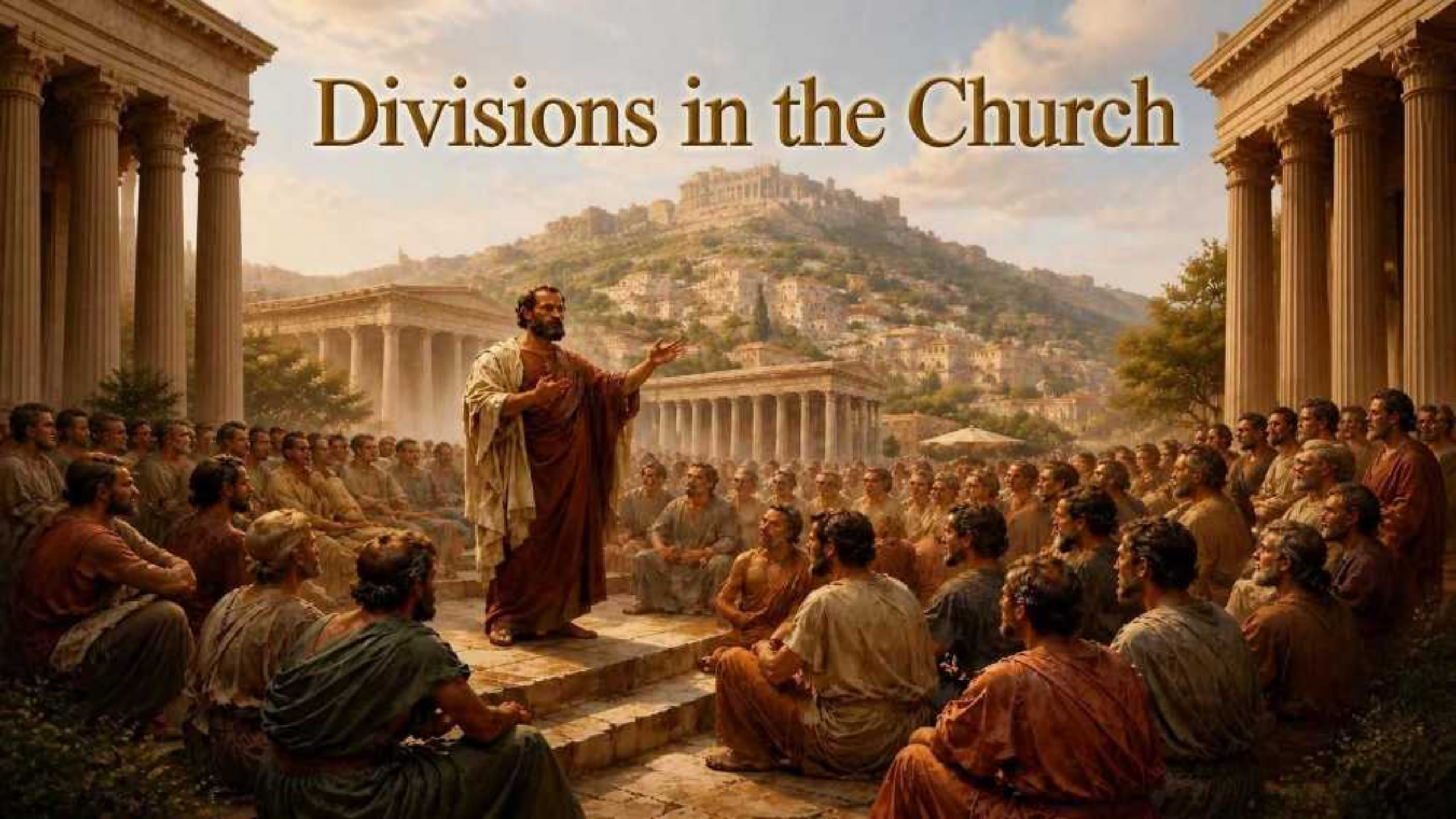


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Message Outline

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Carnality Blocks Access to Spiritual Knowledge

Carnality Blocks Access to Spiritual Knowledge Because Both Sin and the Carnal Nature are Fundamentally Contradictory to God



Carnality Blocks Access to Spiritual Knowledge

Romans 8:6–7 NKJV For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (8:7) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.



Carnality Blocks Access to Spiritual Knowledge

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 NKJV And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. (3:2) I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;...



Carnality Blocks Access to Spiritual Knowledge

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 NKJV ...(3:3) for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? (3:4) For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?...



Carnality Blocks Access to Spiritual Knowledge

Hebrews 5:12–6:1 NKJV For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food...



Carnality Blocks Access to Spiritual Knowledge

Hebrews 5:12–6:1 NKJV ...(5:13) For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. (5:14) But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil...



Carnality Blocks Access to Spiritual Knowledge

Hebrews 5:12–6:1 NKJV ...(6:1)
Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,



Synergy, Not Division, is Big Picture

Synergy, Not Division, is the Big Picture
Because Unity Produces a Sum Greater
Than That of the Individual Parts in Play



Synergy, Not Division, is Big Picture

Deuteronomy 32:30 NKJV How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And the LORD had surrendered them?



Synergy, Not Division, is Big Picture

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 NKJV ...(3:5) Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? (3:6) I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. (3:7) So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase...



Synergy, Not Division, is Big Picture

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 NKJV ...(3:8)
Now he who plants and he who waters
are one, and each one will receive his
own reward according to his own
labor. (3:9) For we are God's fellow
workers; you are God's field, you are
God's building...



Synergy, Not Division, is Big Picture

1 Corinthians 12:4–7 NKJV There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (12:5) There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. (12:6) And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. (12:7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:



Christ is the Foundation

Christ is the Foundation of Everything
Our Wisdom, Our Power, Our Love,
The Covenants, and the Organization
of the Assembly of the Church of Christ



Christ is the Foundation

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 NKJV ...(3:10)
According to the grace of God which was
given to me, as a wise master builder I
have laid the foundation, and another
builds on it. But let each one take heed
how he builds on it. (3:11) For no other
foundation can anyone lay than that
which is laid, which is Jesus Christ...



Christ is the Foundation

Ephesians 2:18–21 NKJV For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. (2:19) Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,...



Christ is the Foundation

Ephesians 2:18–21 NKJV ...(2:20)
having been built on the foundation of
the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ
Himself being the chief cornerstone,
(2:21) in whom the whole building,
being fitted together, grows into a holy
temple in the Lord,



How Does One Build?

How One Builds Determines
Whether They are Barely Saved,
or Take Their Places Among
The Overcomers



How Does One Build?

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 NKJV ...(3:12)
Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, (3:13) each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is...



How Does One Build?

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 NKJV
...(3:14) If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. (3:15) If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire...



Apostasy and Intentionally Sinful Lifestyle

Both Apostasy and Intentionally Sinful Lifestyles
Carry the Risk of Death, Both in Acceleration
of the Incremental Working of Sin and Death
Now and in Eternal Death in The Lake of Fire



Apostasy and Intentionally Sinful Lifestyle

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 NKJV ... (3:16) Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?. (3:17) If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are



Apostasy and Intentionally Sinful Lifestyle

Hebrews 10:26–31 NKJV For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, (10:27) but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries...



Apostasy and Intentionally Sinful Lifestyle

Hebrews 10:26–31 NKJV ...(10:28)
Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. (10:29) Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot,...



Apostasy and Intentionally Sinful Lifestyle

Hebrews 10:26–31 NKJV ...(10:29)
...counted the blood of the covenant by
which he was sanctified a common thing,
and insulted the Spirit of grace? (10:30) For
we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS
MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. And
again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."
(10:31) It is a fearful thing to fall into the
hands of the living God.



Spiritual Knowledge of Christ Path to Fulness of God

Spiritual Knowledge of Christ is the Path to the Fulness of God, Because Human Wisdom, Power, and Machinations, are Not Adequate to Serve as a Foundation



Spiritual Knowledge of Christ Path to Fulness of God

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 NKJV ...(3:18) Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. (3:19) For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "HE CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR OWN CRAFTINESS";...



Spiritual Knowledge of Christ Path to Fulness of God

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 NKJV
...(3:20) and again, "THE LORD
KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF THE
WISE, THAT THEY ARE FUTILE."
(3:21) Therefore let no one boast
in men. For all things are yours:...



Spiritual Knowledge of Christ Path to Fulness of God

1 Corinthians 3:1–23 NKJV
...(3:22) whether Paul or Apollos or
Cephas, or the world or life or
death, or things present or things
to come—all are yours. (3:23) And
you are Christ's, and Christ is
God's.



Spiritual Knowledge of Christ Path to Fulness of God

Ephesians 3:8–20 NKJV To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, (3:9) and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;...



Spiritual Knowledge of Christ Path to Fulness of God

Ephesians 3:8–20 NKJV ...(3:10) to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, (3:11) according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, (3:12) in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him....



Spiritual Knowledge of Christ Path to Fulness of God

Ephesians 3:8–20 NKJV ... (3:13) Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. (3:14) For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, (3:15) from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, (3:16) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,...



Spiritual Knowledge of Christ Path to Fulness of God

Ephesians 3:8–20 NKJV ...(3:17) that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, (3:18) may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— (3:19) to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God...

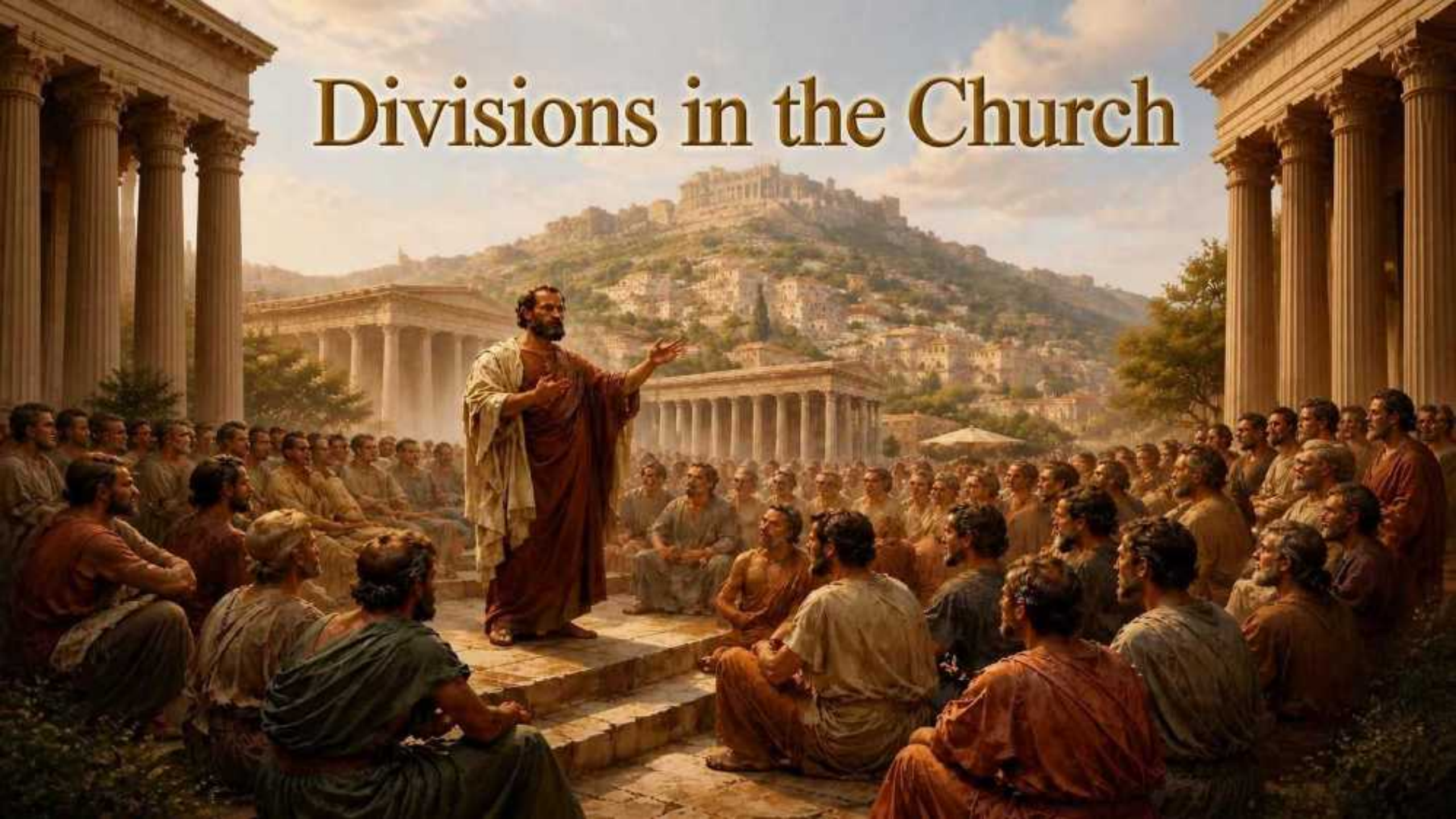


Spiritual Knowledge of Christ Path to Fulness of God

Ephesians 3:8–20 NKJV
...(3:20) Now to Him who is
able to do exceedingly
abundantly above all that we
ask or think, according to
the power that works in us,



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