

1 Corinthians 14:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Analysis

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace—Greek *ou gar estin akatastasias ho theos all' eirēnēs* (οὐ γὰρ ἔστιν ἀκαταστασίας ὁ θεὸς ἀλλ' εἰρήνης, "for God is not of disorder but of peace"). Akatastasia (ἀκαταστασία) means instability, disorder, confusion (used of political chaos in James 3:16). Eirēnē (εἰρήνη) means peace, harmony, order—the opposite of chaos.

As in all churches of the saints grounds this principle in universal practice: orderly worship characterizes all true churches. Paul's theological argument: God's character determines worship's character. A God of peace produces peaceful (orderly) worship; chaotic worship misrepresents God. This verse summarizes the chapter's argument: order honors God and edifies the church; chaos does neither.

Historical Context

Corinth's disorderly worship was an outlier. Paul appeals to universal church practice: everywhere else, worship is orderly. The Corinthians' disorder reveals theological confusion about God's nature.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's character (not 'of confusion, but of peace') shape our worship?
2. What's the relationship between theological truth and worship practice?
3. How can we distinguish Spirit-led spontaneity from flesh-driven chaos?

Interlinear Text

οὐ	γάρ	ἐστιν	ἀκαταστασίας	ὁ	θεὸς	ἀλλ'	εἰρήνης
not	For	is	the author of confusion	G3588	God	but	of peace
G3756	G1063	G2076	G181		G2316	G235	G1515
Ὡς	ἐν	πάσαις	ταῖς	ἐκκλησίαις	τῶν	ἁγίων	
as	in	all	G3588	churches	G3588	of the saints	
G5613	G1722	G3956		G1577		G40	

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 14:40 (Parallel theme): Let all things be done decently and in order.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 (Peace): Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

1 Corinthians 11:16 (References God): But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

Galatians 5:22 (Peace): But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Hebrews 13:20 (Peace): Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Romans 15:33 (Peace): Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

1 Corinthians 7:15 (Peace): But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.

1 Corinthians 7:17 (References God): But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

Luke 2:14 (Peace): Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

1 Corinthians 4:17 (Parallel theme): For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

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