

HOW NOT TO BE A CORINTHIAN

(1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

2 Corinthians 10:10

For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account."



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“Most of us go through life worrying people will think too little of us. Paul worried that people would think too much of him.” ~D. A. Carson

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1 Corinthians 1:18

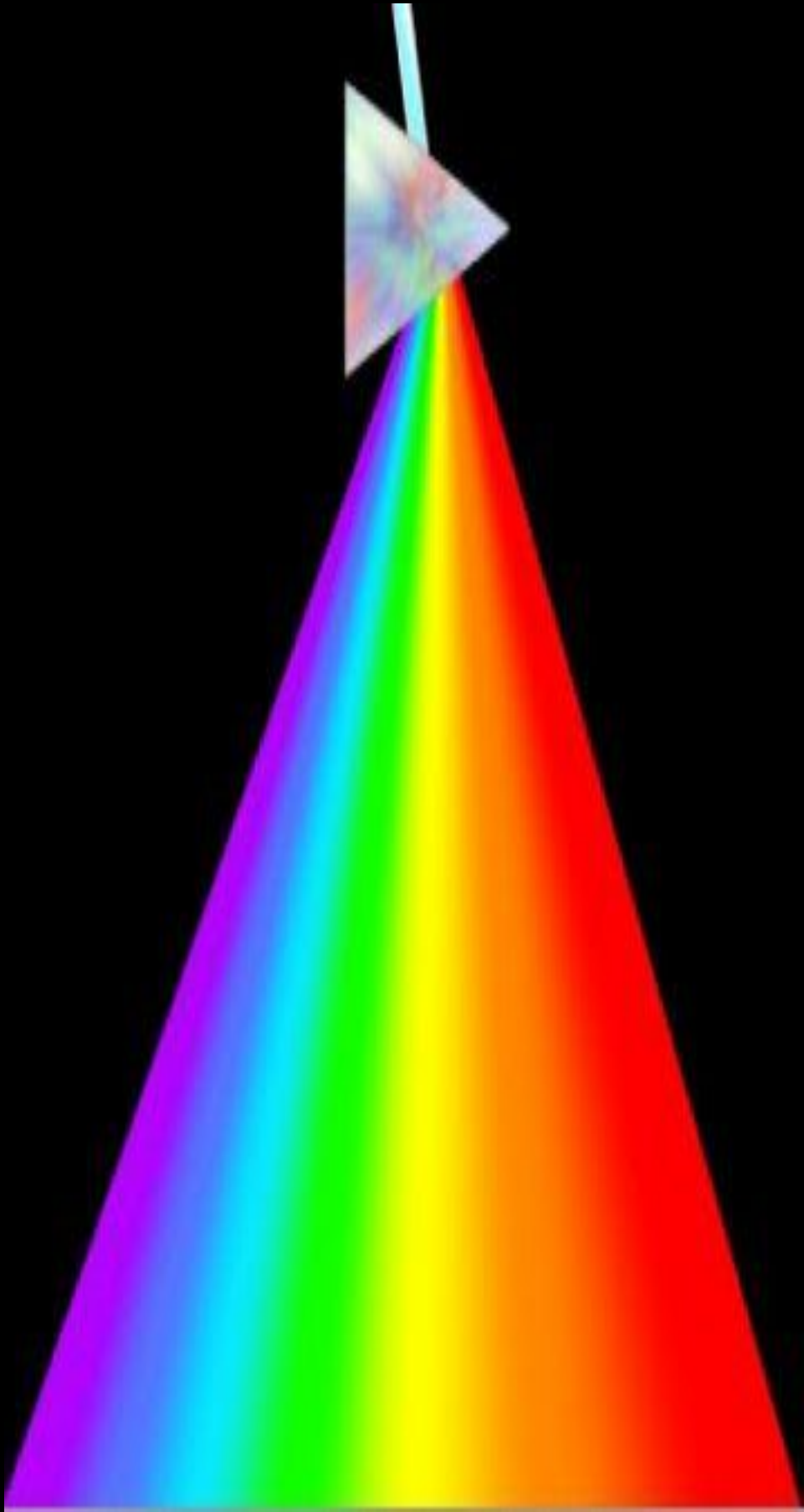
For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.



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2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

“Sometimes we hear it said that ten minutes on your knees will give you a truer, deeper, more operative knowledge of God than ten hours over your books. ‘What!’ is the appropriate response, ‘than ten hours over your books, on your knees?’ Why should you turn from God when you turn to your books, or feel that you must turn from your books in order to turn to God? ~B. B. Warfield



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1 Corinthians 1:31

Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

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THE ORDINATION CEREMONY FOR BEN MAURER

ORDINATION VOWS

1. Do you promise to shepherd the flock of God not under compulsion but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not domineering over those in your charge but being an example to the flock? (1 Pet. 5:1-4)

2. Do you promise to faithfully guard the flock over which the Holy Spirit has made you an overseer, and do you promise to protect that flock from false teaching, division, and dissension? (Acts 20:28-31)

3. Do you promise to care for the flock of God, not as a hireling, but as an under shepherd of the Great Shepherd, caring for his sheep as the precious ones for whom he died? (Ezek. 34)

4. Do you, in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and this congregation, promise to preach the Word in season and out of season, and do you promise to reprove, rebuke, and exhort with complete patience, enduring suffering, while remaining sober-minded in all of your preaching and teaching, and will you do the work of an evangelist among those whom God has given you charge? (2 Tim. 4:1-5)

5. Do you declare sincerely before God that you believe all the articles and points of doctrine contained in the Sovereign Grace Statement of Faith fully agree with the Scriptures? Do you own that Statement as the statement and confession of your faith? And do you promise to teach and defend these doctrines in public and private?

6. Do you promise further that if in the future you come to have reservations about any of these doctrines, you will share these reservations with your eldership and the Regional Assembly of Elders?

7. Do you promise to keep a close watch on yourself and to walk humbly before others, to be self-suspicious of your own motives, to invite criticism from others, and to make yourself accountable to those whom God has put in your life?

8. Do you submit without exception to the explicitly mandated practices of the Sovereign Grace Book of Church Order, affirming that that form of government is a wise and suitable application of Scriptural principles?

9. Do you promise to walk in a manner worthy of the gospel and to show yourself in all respects, in action and in speech, to be a model of good works, integrity, and dignity so that neither the church, nor our Savior Jesus Christ, nor the gospel may be brought into reproach? (Titus 2:7-8)



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10. Do you promise to continually seek the gifts of the Spirit that you might serve God's people, not in the energy of the flesh, but in the power of the Holy Spirit and to carry out your ministry without fear of man?

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS

1. Do you, the people of Sovereign Grace Church, receive Ben as your pastor? (“We do”)

2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from him with meekness and love and to submit to him in the due biblical exercise of his leadership? (“We do”)

3. Do you promise to supply him with whatever material support he may need to fulfill his ministry among you? (“We do”)

4. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors and to assist his ministry and leadership for your spiritual edification, the evangelization of the lost, and the promotion of God's glory? ("We do")

CONGRATULATIONS, PASTOR BEN!

