





**Do names come with
reputations and expectations?**



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MESSY church

A STUDY OF 1ST CORINTHIANS

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I Corinthians 14 – Gift of prophecy, tongues, and order

I Corinthians 14:13-25

Spiritual Gifts Require Spiritual Maturity

²⁰ Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.



I Corinthians 14:26-40

**How we worship reflects
Who we worship**

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¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

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**We gather together under Jesus,
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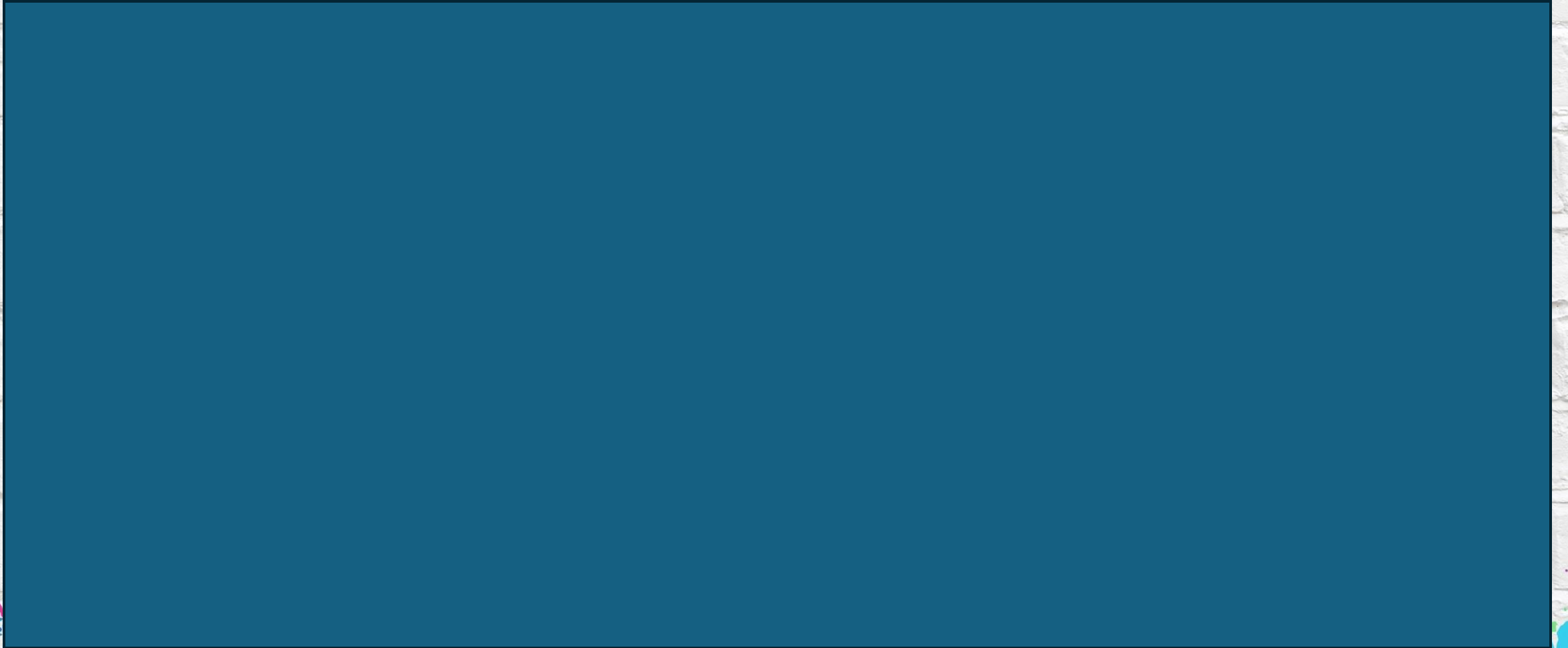
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