And Not Or

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

The local church is where followers of Jesus freely give themselves up in order to present the gospel to many different types of people.

God desires the local church to be free in order to serve the gospel;

1. to the self-righteous. v19-20,23, Romans 3:10-12, Luke 18:9–14

2. to the idolatrous. v19,21,23, Colossians 3:5, Jeremiah 11:12

3. to the weak. v19,22-23, Romans 14:13, 21, 2 Corinthians 6:3

4. as a spiritual athlete. v24-27, Romans 1:16; 2 Corinthians 4:2;

Based upon 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation which is a work of God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation by entrusting to us the message of the gospel. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ as God makes His His appeal to the lost through us.

Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor.
~Charles Spurgeon~
1834-1892, an English Particular Baptist minister known as the Prince of Preachers. He was a defender of the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith and a strong vocal opposition to the liberal theological teaching entering the Church of his day. He was staunch advocate as to what became known as the “high view of Scripture”.