

PAUL'S LETTERS

Follow the teacher's direction to make Letter Bundles of letters that Paul wrote to the new believers. Listen as the letters are read to you.

Dear Friends in Corinth,

There is one body. But it has many parts. Even though it has many parts, they make up one body. ...

The body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts. Suppose the foot says, "I am not a hand. So I don't belong to the body." It is still part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how could it smell? God has placed each part of the body just as he wanted it to be.

You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of it.

Paul (1 Corinthians 12:12–18, 27)

Dear Friends in Thessalonica,

We always thank God for all of you. We pray for you. We never forget you when we pray to our God and Father. Your work is produced by your faith. Your service is the result of your love. Your strength to continue comes from your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God. We know that he has chosen you. Our good news didn't come to you only in words. It came with power. It came with the Holy Spirit's help. He gave us complete faith in what we were preaching. You know how we lived among you for your good.

Paul (1 Thessalonians 1:3–5)

Dear Friends in Thessalonica,

The Lord himself will come down from heaven. We will hear a loud command. We will hear the voice of the leader of the angels. We will hear a blast from God's trumpet. Many who believe in Christ will have died already. They will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them. We will be taken up in the clouds. We will meet the Lord in the air. And we will be with him forever.

So cheer each other up with these words of comfort.

Paul (1 Thessalonians 4:16–18)

Dear Friends in Corinth,

Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It is not rude. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs.

Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up.

Paul (1 Corinthians 13:4–7)

Dear Friends in Galatia,

The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy, and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself. There is no law against things of that kind.

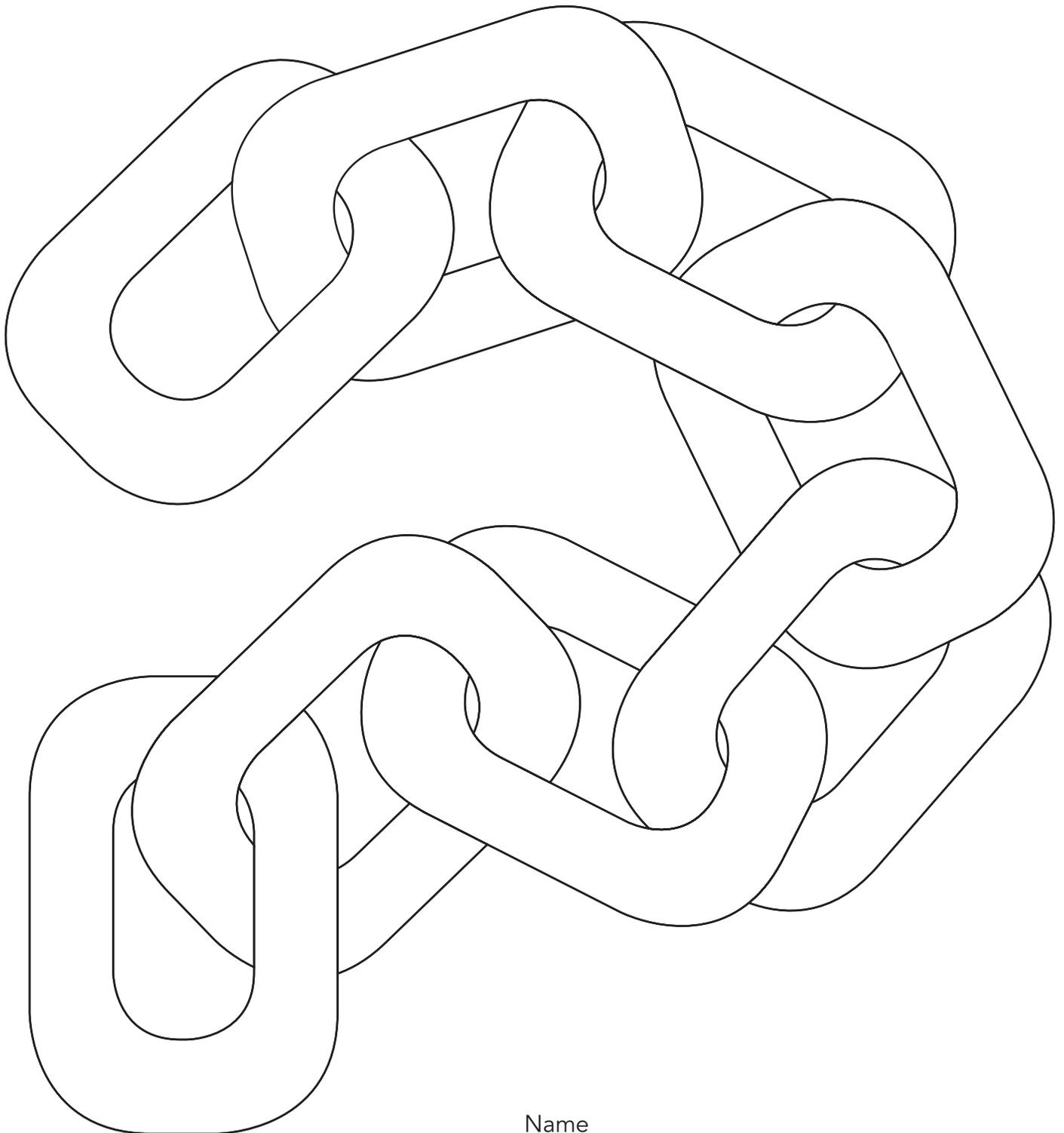
Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed their sinful nature to his cross. They don't want what their sinful nature loves and longs for.

Since we live by the Spirit, let us march in step with the Spirit. Let us not become proud. Let us not make each other angry. Let us not want what belongs to others.

Paul (Galatians 5:22–25)

BREAK THE CHAINS

Look for encouraging words from Paul and others who helped spread the news of God's love. Write several in the links of the chain. These are the words that help to break the chain of sin and turn us toward God!



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