

Christ is not Divided

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Outline of 1 Corinthians:

I. Introduction (1:1-9)

II. Problems Reported (1:10-6:20)

a. Divisions (1:10-4:21)

i. The Problem of Division Denounced (1:10-17)

ii. Clarifying the Nature of the Message (1:18-3:4)

A. Division in the church is bad. (1 Corinthians 1:10-12)

v10 – Christ wants believers to pursue _____ in their local church.

v11 – The infighting among the Corinthian believers was known _____ their local church.

v12 – The divisions among the believers were focused on _____ leaders.

**Why might believers be divided?*

**How then can we pursue unity?*

B. Division in the church does not make sense. (1 Corinthians 1:13-18...)

v13 – _____ is not divided, which should be obvious if you are willing to think this through.

v14-16 – Baptism under the ministry of Paul should not be the _____ for division.

**How should we understand water baptism?*

<p>“BAPTISM” IN SCRIPTURE</p> <hr/> <p>Greek verb <i>baptizō</i> = to dip, immerse, sink; figuratively, to identify with</p> <hr/>
<p><i>Dry:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Baptism into Moses (1 Cor. 10:1-3)● Baptism of the cross (Mark 10:35-39; Luke 12:50)● Baptism of fire (Matt. 3:11-12)● Baptism of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13; Matt. 3:11; Rom. 6:3-4; Eph. 1:13-14)
<p><i>In Water:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Baptism of John (Matthew 3:5-6; Mark 1:4)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Including Jesus getting baptized (Matthew 3:13-17)● Baptism of Jesus’ disciples (John 3:26, 4:1-2)● Baptism of Believers in the Church (1 Corinthians 1:13-17; Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:28, 41; 8:12-13, 36-38; 9:18; 10:47-48; 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21)

v17 – Simply preaching the _____ was the focus of Paul’s ministry, which would allow Christ to work _____ and which should cause Christ’s body to be _____.

**What was Paul called to do?*

**Why not with “wisdom of words”?*

v18 – The gospel is _____ without the assistance of human wisdom.

**Do you see yourself and others based on which side of the gospel a person stands?*