

The Undivided Christ
1 Corinthians 1:10-17
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Contrast #1: Church unity instructed, and party-spirit rebuked (10-13)

a.) Church unity instructed (10)

b.) Party-spirit rebuked (11-13)

Contrast #2: Who is not to be made much of, and what is to be made much of (14-17)

a.) Who is not to be made much of—the person who baptized us (14-16)

b.) What is to be made much of—the gospel of Christ's cross (17)

Next week: Matthew 1:1-17

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. How had Paul been involved in the Corinthian church? Who was Apollos and how had he been involved in the church? Who was Cephas?
3. What problem does Paul address in the Corinthian church in this passage?
4. In whose name is a Christian baptized?
5. Why was Paul thankful that he baptized so few of the believers in Corinth?
6. What did Christ send Paul to do? What does this mean?
7. Do you understand and believe the gospel of Christ and His cross?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. What kind of unity does verse 10 instruct? How are we to live out this instruction?
3. How are we to understand what Paul says in verses 11-12 about what was happening in the church? How does this happen in churches today?
4. What is sinful about the behavior described in verses 11-12?
5. What is the solution for this behavior? How are we to live instead?
6. The Corinthian church had an unbiblical view of the church's leaders. What is the biblical way that we are to view church leaders, both inside and outside our local church?
7. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?