



1 Corinthians 1:10-17

A PLEA FOR UNITY

1 Corinthians 1:10-12

- ¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."

1 Corinthians 1:13-17

- ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

John 17:21

- that **they may all be one**, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, **so that the world may believe** that you have sent me.



I. The Plea For Unity

1 Corinthians 1:10

Agree In Christ

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree,



Harmonize In Fellowship

*and that there be **no divisions** among you,*

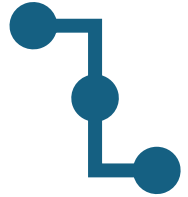


Unite In Truth

Unity In Action - *but that
you be united*

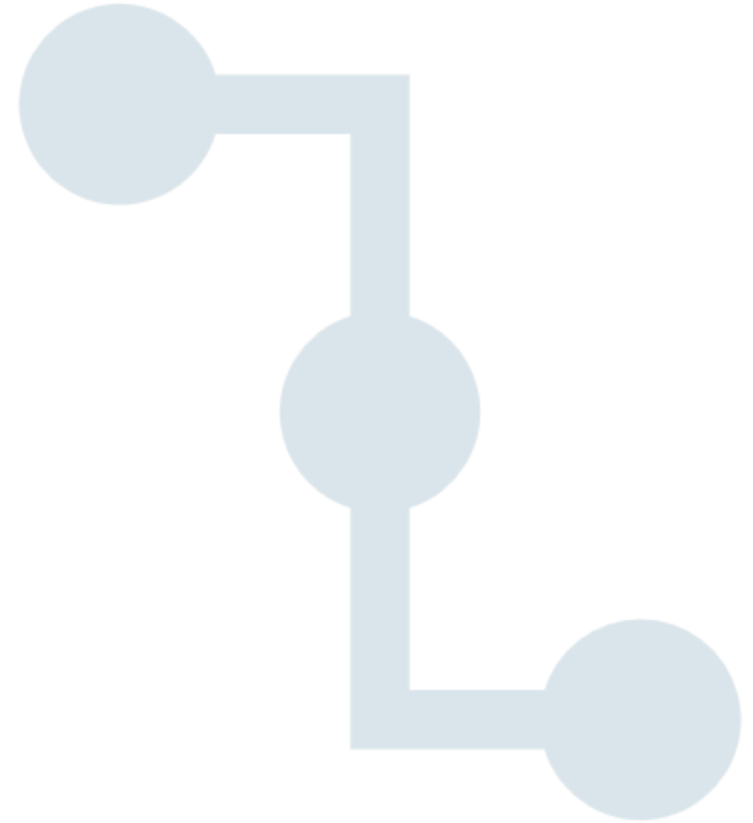
Unity In Thought - *in the
same mind*

Unity In Discernment -
and the same judgment.



II. The Problem Of Division

1 Corinthians 1:11-17



Conflict: When Tempted To Quarrel, Choose Peace

11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.



Cliques: When Personalities Clash, Choose Christ

12 What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."



Conceit: When Seeking Religious Prestige, Realize Grace



13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.



Guard against the flesh

- **1 Corinthians 3:3**
for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

Avoid trivial disputes



- **Romans 14:1-2**
¹Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. ²For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

Seek to serve not split

- **3 John 9-10** 9 I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. 10 So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.



Seek to serve not split

- **1 Corinthians 9:19** For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.
- **Mark 10:45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

