

## Divisions that distract us from Christ

1 Corinthians 1:10-17, p. 924

### I. ARGUING ABOUT FAVORITES WHO PREACH CHRIST DESTROYS UNITY ABOUT CHRIST (1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-12).

- A. Those who believe in Christ must pursue unity (1:10).
- B. Chloe's people reported quarreling in Corinth to Paul (1:11).
  - Arguing Christians trouble Christians NOT arguing.
- C. The personality fans of certain leaders in Corinth were divisive and arrogant (1:12).
  - Those claiming to follow Paul, Apollos, Cephas – who were all faithful teachers with different roles (3:4-6)
  - Those claiming [arrogantly?] to only follow Christ

### II. BELIEVERS MUST BE KNOWN FOR A UNIFIED FOCUS ON THE CROSS OF CHRIST (1 CORINTHIANS 1:13-17).

- A. Elevating favorite teachers distracts from the glory due only to the crucified Christ (1:13a).
- B. Who baptized you does not make anyone superior (1:13b-16).
  - Paul happened to baptize a few, but it didn't matter.
- C. Keep the person and gospel of Christ your priority (1:17).
  - The gospel message is what matters because it contains the power of the cross to save us eternally.