

A CALL FOR UNITY

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Key Word: Unity

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[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." [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.

Road Map

- 1) The Problem**
- 2) The Call to Unity**

The Problem

- **Sin = any act of disobedience, intentional or unintentional, that violates the law of God.**
- **The Charge: The people had divided themselves into a “spiritual heritage hierarchical system.”**
- **2 Cor 13:14 – Spiritual Validation**
- **Unity is the 1st issue of many that Paul will address**
 - **Repentance is the goal**

The Problem

- **The Profaning of the sacraments**
 - **Paul addresses baptism here and will address communion later in the letter.**
 - **Baptism is not to be used as a status symbol.**

The Call to Unity

- **Ver 10** “that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.”
 - **John 17:22** *“The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,”*
- **Unity-** having the same purpose or goal, and working together toward that same purpose or goal
 - **An agreement on all the important things, and a willingness to set aside those differences that don't compromise integrity or core beliefs.**
- **“The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing!”**

The Call to Unity

- What about my brother or sister?
 - Romans 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceable with all.”
- I am called out of a self-centered life. I am called into Jesus Christ!
 - 1 Cor 2:2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

The Central Theme: Seeing every part of life through the lens of the gospel.

Wrapping it Up

Status is not a concept that plays well in the eternal.

We dare not place our earthly allegiances in such a way as to lessen the gravity of Christ's saving work on the cross.

The gospel of Christ compels us to live together in the Unity of Christ.



