

CALLED TO BE SAINTS **TOGETHER**

The Crux of Christian Unity

1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (ESV)

¹⁰I 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.

¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."

¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so 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.) ¹⁷For 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.

"Unity" ... around what?

Even _____ people " _____"!

They "unify" around _____ or _____ causes/beliefs.

The foundation of our unity is different. It's _____ because it's on _____! (And that should be enough!)

What fuels our unity is _____.

("same mind, same judgment" – v. 10)

The absence of _____ ("thinking Christianly") inevitably results in _____.

(And that discord shows up _____) (v. 12)

More than mere 'factions', v. 12 represents Christians _____ and _____ like the _____ around them.

Why?

Lack of _____ in leadership

Wrong view of _____

Incomplete understanding of _____

What's the **remedy**?

The answer lies in our response to 2 critical questions:

Is Christ divided?

Was Paul crucified for you?

If we want true, biblical unity, we have to consider _____
and the very nature of the _____ first.

Then, we have to recognize the centrality of the _____ and
it's defining work for and in us.

Finally, we have to reassess our commitment to the _____
itself as the very core of our mission (which is being compromised by
discord).

All legitimate unity flows from this.

My response today: