

## The Problem: A Divided Church

### 1 Corinthians 01:10-16

**1 *The strong exhortation:***  
***All of you agree***

- a. Agree in speech
- b. Allow no dissension
- c. Join together  
in one mind and thought

**2 *The tragic report:***  
***Contention, quarrels, arguments***

**3 *The arguing parties***

- a. Some favoured one minister  
over others
- b. Some claimed to follow Jesus alone

**4 *The problem with cliques***

- a. Divides Christ
- b. Elevates men - as saviours
- c. Makes a person a man follower
  
- d. The conclusion:  
Paul did not seek personal followers

10 I appeal to you, brothers,  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that all of you agree with one another  
so that there may be no divisions among you  
and that you may be perfectly united  
in mind and thought.

11 My brothers,  
some from Chloe's household have informed me  
that there are quarrels among you.

12 What I mean is this:  
One of you says, "I follow Paul";  
another, "I follow Apollos";  
another, "I follow Cephas";  
still another, "I follow Christ."

13 Is Christ divided?  
Was Paul crucified for you?  
Were you baptized into the name of Paul?

14 I am thankful  
that I did not baptize any of you  
except Crispus and Gaius,

15 So no one can say  
that you were baptized into my name.

16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas;  
beyond that,  
I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)