



“Division”

Satan’s Go To
I Corinthians 1:10-17

The church is unified by our:

I. Speech – “that ye all speak the same thing” (vs. 10-12)

We thrive through:

- A. Unity** – “perfectly joined together... same mind... judgment”
- B. Harmony** - “that there are contentions among you”
- C. Diversity** – “you saith, I am of Paul... Apollos... Cephas”

II. Salvation – “crucified for you” (v. 13)

We have one:

- A. Apportionment** - “Is Christ divided?”
- B. Atonement** – “was Paul crucified for you?”
- C. Allegiance** – “were ye baptized in the name of Paul?”

III. Sending – “For Christ sent me” (vs. 14-17)

We are called with:

- A. Priorities** – “not to baptize”
- B. Preaching** – “but to preach the gospel”
- C. Propitiation** – “lest the cross of Christ be of none effect”

Sentence Sermon:

“Divisiveness is often selfishness disguised as righteous indignation.”

Additional Verses

- **Acts 17:26**
- **Galatians 6:14**
- **Acts 18:8; 24-28**
- **Romans 16:23**
- **John 4:1-2**
- **Galatians 1:6-9**
- **Colossians 1:18**
- **I Corinthians 3:3-8**
- **Titus 3:10-11**
- **John 7:43; 9:16; 10:19 (Divisions)**
- **Galatians 5:19; II Corinthians 12:20; Romans 1:19; I Timothy 6:4 (Contentions)**

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What does it mean by “all speak the same thing?”
4. What is the danger of having people with different opinions/convictions?
5. What is the difference between a contention and a division?
6. Why do you think they were saying things like “I am of Apollos?”
7. How would you explain Paul’s argument by each question in verse 13?
8. Is it bad to be baptized? How could it be a bad thing?
9. Why does Paul say that he was not called to baptize but preach?
10. What is the focus or priority of the church according to Paul in v. 17?
11. How could the cross of Christ be made of none effect?
12. Do we have the same possibility of divisiveness at FBC? Explain.
13. How can we defeat the devil’s tactic of causing division in our church?