

## 1 Corinthians

## Corinth a Church in Conflict Part #1

## Chapter 1 verse 10 – chapter 4:21

The greatest Criticism of Churches and Christians is that they are all a bunch of \_\_\_\_\_. True.

The worst excuse to use to refuse Christ is to say that the church is full of \_\_\_\_\_ because the fact that they exist means that \_\_\_\_\_ exists as well.

## Ingredients of a Church Split chapter 1:10-17

A key word that should solve the problem before it start:

\_\_\_\_\_. Verse 10

When you have a church split you will find:

## 1) Disunity

## a) Exhortation: #1 Speak right verse 10

i) James 3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity.

ii) Also see James 4:11; 1 Peter 2:1; 1 Peter 3:10; Proverbs 13:3

## b) Exhortation #2 Allow no schism verse 10

i) Luke 11:17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house *divided* against a house falls. Also 1 Corinthians 3:3

## c) Exhortation #3 Be perfectly joined together. Verse 10

i) Ephesians 4:3-6 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

ii) Philippians 1:27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel...

2) Contention: verse 11 What is it? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

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- a) Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, **hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions,** heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 3) Super spirituality Verse 12 – personality cults are a problem in Christianity. The first seeds of denominationalism show up early.  
Key words “I am of”
- a) Some liked Paul’s intellectual approach
- b) Some Liked Apollos’s oratorical approach
- c) Some liked Cephas Eminence (Peter’s name before it was changed to pebble)
- d) Some like to say they just followed Christ.
- i) 1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.
- 4) Sectarianism (cliques) verse 13 (Is Christ Divided?)
- a) Cliques divide Christ
- i) Colossians 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
- b) Cliques make saviors of mere men
- i) Acts 4:10-12 ...let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. <sup>11</sup> This is the *‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’* <sup>12</sup> Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
- ii) Acts 5:30-31 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. <sup>31</sup> Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins
- c) Cliques makes disciples of men instead of disciples of Christ – verse 13-17
- i) We are baptized in Jesus name
- ii) We are baptized at Jesus command
- iii) We are baptized following Jesus’ example
- iv) We are not baptizing as a means or aid in salvation.