

The Crisis at Corinth – Division in the church

When the World Invades the Church

1 Corinthians 1:1-17

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God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

1. A church **exists** by God's call – His particular possession (verses 1-3)
 - a. Leaders are called by God will
 - b. Saints are called to be holy**
 - c. Saints are called to unity
 - d. Everyone is called by God's favor**
2. A church **enjoys** all God's gifts – by His mighty provision (verses 4-9)
 - a. God gives churches the necessary **gifts** -while we wait for Jesus
 - b. God gives churches a **guarantee** - for when we stand before Jesus
3. A church **fails** when men divide it – it shows no manifestation of **God's power** (verses 10-17)
 - The message of the cross is rendered powerless when a congregation:
 - a. Forgets about Christ like **humility** – The mind of Christ
 - b. Forms cliques around **personalities** – I am of Paul, Apollos, Cephas or Christ
 - c. Fails to emphasize the meaning of, "**Christianity**" - Was Paul crucified for you?

The cross of Christ is the answer to the crisis of disunity at any church.