

Really? 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

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I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹²What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel—not with words of wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (New International Version)

Take-Home Truth: Believers stay unified when they decide to make their oneness as brothers and sisters in Christ more important than their differences.

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST AS THEY DO CHURCH TOGETHER? Answer: Unity

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- Agree in what you say = all take up the same side
- Divisions = *schismata* = tear or rip or split
- United = mending = to put back together.

WHAT GETS IN THE WAY OF UNITY? Answer: Putting differences above relationship.

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WHAT IS OUR FOUNDATION FOR UNITY? Answer: Jesus

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?
1 Corinthians 1:13 (NIV)

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. ⁴For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. ⁵There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all. Ephesians 4:3-6 (New Living Translation)