

A HOUSE DIVIDED
I COR. 1:10-16

Introduction:

- A. The church of God at Corinth was a divided body. v11
 - 1. The family of Chloe informed Paul.
 - 2. Probably not very well loved by church.
 - 3. Allowed Paul to use their name.

- B. The nature of their division.
 - 1. "contentions among you."
 - 2. eris - state, quarrel, esp. rivalry, wrangling.
 - 3. They were followers of men.
 - a. v12.
 - b. "each of you has a party of his own, I am of Paul's party, I belong to Peter, I Apollos', and I of Christ."

- C. The seriousness of their problem.
 - 1. It is addressed first.
 - 2. To have schism unaddressed, it would be foolish to try and resolve other errors.
 - 3. A spirit of possession will destroy.

- D. Paul had prior experience with contention.,
 - 1. Acts 15:36-41.
 - 2. The fruit of contention is division.

I. PAUL'S ARGUMENT AGAINST DIVISION. V13

- A. "Is Christ divided?"
 - 1. Did Christ divide Himself?
 - 2. Did He represent various factions?

- B. "was Paul crucified for you?"
 - 1. Who died on the cross?

- C. "were you baptized in the name of Paul?"
 - 1. Since you see your baptism as being better because of the administrator, who's name was invoked at your baptism? v14-16.
 - 2. India converts wanted "U.S.A." baptism in 1975.

II. PAUL'S PLEA FOR UNITY. V10

- A. The basis for the plea.
 - 1. "by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
 - 2. The name that is above every name.

- B. "that ye all speak the same things."
 - 1. The evidence of their division.
 - 2. "to agree in what you profess."
 - 3. Diversity of doctrine is not a sign of spiritual maturity.

- C. "that there be no divisions among you."
 - 1. schisma - that which is cloven or parted.
 - 2. "Do not allow yourselves to be split up into parties."

- D. "that ye be perfectly joined together."
 - 1. joined = katartizo = to make complete. Especially of what is broken, refit, repair, mend, or persons, restore, set right.
 - 2. All together you should be a unity.
 - 3. Not, we aren't together, but let's act as though we were.

- E. Evidences of being joined together.
 - 1. "the same mind."
 - 2. "the same judgment."
 - 3. "let the mind of Christ, His thinking, bring all of you to the same conclusions."
 - 4. These should be our goals.