

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS
A study of 1 Corinthians

DIVIDED WE FALL

1 Corinthians 1:10-17 Jeff Schreve

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete [united] in the same mind and in the same judgment [purpose, decision]. For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels [strife] among you. 1 Corinthians 1:10-11

Why do we have divisions and quarrels in the church?

1. We have divisions because we all struggle with selfishness.

Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. James 4:1 Msg

A. We all need to remember it's all about Jesus.

Not My will, but Thine be done. Luke 22:42

B. We all need to get on the Lord's page of music.

2. We have divisions because we all struggle with favorites.

Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ." 1 Corinthians 1:12

A. The messengers are merely servants.

What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. 1 Corinthians 3:5

B. The messengers are just given to point the way to Jesus.

3. We have divisions because we fail to keep our eyes on Jesus.

*For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, that the cross of Christ should not be made void.
1 Corinthians 1:17*

A. Jesus is Savior and King.

B. If we are submitted to Jesus, we will submit to authority.

And be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Ephesians 5:21

Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable to you.

Hebrews 13:17

I, therefore the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3

Will you be diligent to fight for unity?
