

Seek the Unity of the Body 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Main Idea: Paul urges the Corinthians to be unified in essential doctrine and purpose and not to divide into factions.

I. You should contribute to the unity of the body (vs 11).

²⁰ "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, *art* in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me. ²² "And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³ I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me. John 17:20-23 (NASB77)

II. You should not support division (vss 12-17).



III. Water baptism is not part of the Gospel (vss 14-17).

²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some. ²³ And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow partaker of it. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NASB77)

¹ I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, ³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3 (NASB77)

