

Perfectly Joined Together

1 Cor 1:9-13

We are spiritually wealthy.

- _____ in Christ Jesus
- Called to be _____
- _____ of God
- Given _____ by Jesus Christ
- Given _____ by Jesus Christ
- Confirmed until Jesus comes
- Given _____ gifts
- Given utterance
- Given _____

Bottom line: live up to _____

1 Corinthians 1:8

Unknown; *He guarantees right up to the end that you will be counted free from all sin and guilt on that day when He returns...when we stand before God, Christ will count us as blameless in Him...not be condemned for our sins because Christ _____ paid in full the price at Calvary.*

1 Corinthians 1:9

Faithful: consistent, stable, reliable, trustworthy, always true to _____; Always be depended on.

Mac: *We are saved because God wanted us saved, and we stay saved because God does not change His mind about it.*

He chose us, called us...consequently we have _____ to do with staying a child of God for eternity.

Philippians 1:6 Romans 8:38-39

1 Corinthians 1:10

Conflict. Quarrelling. Divisions. Disputing. _____.

When these things in body of Christ--always consequences.

Robs church of real fellowship...joy...outreach...growth.... _____ ... impact.

God is robbed of _____.

Manifestation of immature Christian--envy and _____ (1 Cor 3:1-3).

Root problem of strife? James 4:1-2

When church loses unity--spirit of joy and _____ of ministry go out window.

John 17—church be one. Acts 2:46-47

One of greatest reasons person leave church--_____ in the body.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Beseech: to call upon; summon; admonish; from same word from which get "_____ " helper

Brethren: not using clout as apostle.

I'm one of _____.

By the name: Because of all Jesus represents. Character; _____

Speak the same thing: Be in _____ about things of God. Be a unit.

Mac: *Nothing is more confusing to new Christians, or to unbelievers who are considering the claims of Christ, than to hear supposedly mature and informed Christians tell conflicting things about the gospel, the Bible, or Christian living. And few things are more devastating to a church than everyone having his own ideas and interpretations about the faith, or of the congregation being divided into various factions, each with its own views. In order for a local church to be spiritually healthy, harmonious, and effective, there must, above all be doctrinal unity*

Divisions: Schismata—to tear or _____; to separate; have difference of opinion; dissension

Romans 16:17

Splits, quarrels; divisions into _____

Perfectly joined together: made complete; to mend (nets, boned, dislocated joints, broken utensils, torn garments) To put back together; In 2 ways:

Mind-_____

Judgment-_____

Mac: *in our individual minds and among ourselves we are to be on in beliefs, standards, attitudes, and principles of spiritual living.*

_____ type of unity

Mac: *Unity that is not of the same mind and judgment is not true unity. Hypocrites will add to a congregation's size but they will take away from its effectiveness. A member who strongly disagrees with his church leadership and policy, not to mention doctrine, cannot be happy or productive in His own Christian life or be of any positive service to the congregation.*

Acts 4:31-33 Philipians 2:2-5 Psalm 133:1

Does this mean agree with everything?

_____!

Means-- -in our spirit committed to unity.

_____ one of most important things

How approach leadership?

With _____:

Ecclesiastes 8:5 Timing and _____

1 Corinthians 1:11

House of Chloe: family in Ephesus--close to Paul.

Wiersbe: *We commend them for their courage and devotion. They did not try to hide the problems. They were burdened about them; they went to the right person with them; and they were not afraid to be mentioned by Paul. This was not the kind of "cloak and dagger" affair that we often see in church activities that usually make the problem _____ and not better*

Contentions: Bitter discussions which degenerate into _____.

1 Corinthians 1:12

Party spirit: Caught up with different parties, personalities, styles, gifts, approaches.

Wiersbe: *Instead of emphasizing the message of the Word, the Corinthians emphasized the messenger. They got their eyes off the Lord and on the Lord's servants, and this led to competition.*

Paul—_____ pastor; Spiritual father.

Apollos—_____ pastor; sent by Paul

Cephas—_____ ; Jewish Christians from Palestine .

Paul—gift of _____

Apollos—_____

Peter—_____

Paul—laid back; choleric; _____ personality

Apollos—_____ ; eloquent; loved to quote scriptures

Peter—flashy; fiery; related well to Jewish mindset.

Each group was vocal in its opinions and had its own slogans, identity, and superiority.

I've seen this type of thing through the years.

... **and I of Christ.**

We follow no man but _____.

Godet: *which claim to spring directly from Christ and Christ alone, without having need of any human intermediary? They had the right name but the wrong spirit. They felt that they had no need for human instructors...they had really outgrown the church. Their preachers, teachers, and other spiritual leaders were really quite shallow in comparison to their own spiritual depth.*

Mac: *spirituality produces humility and unity; carnality produces pride and _____.*

Always a _____ picture

1 Corinthians 1:13

Common theme in NT: believers one in Christ.

Therefore, never do anything that disrupts or destroys _____.

Disunity detracts from _____ of God.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 Ephesians 4:4-6

Was Paul crucified for you?

Answer _____.

Or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

Answer obvious: _____!

Matthew 28:19

So What?

Speak the same thing: When we speak...speak things which build up

No divisions among you: no rips, dissensions.

Perfectly joined together: smooth and effective working order.

In the same mind: same goals, aspirations.

In the same judgment: spiritual _____; same opinion of things.

Christ is not divided!

Greatest thing happen to local church--people get caught up with importance of having same mind, spirit, heart-beat.

Commit: _____ of believers