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Unity in the Church

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

A central pillar of the church is unity. An easy way to destroy the unity of a church is to self-divide into competing factions. The Corinthian church divided itself into competing factions based upon their favorite personality. Competing factions in the church results in a disunified church and negatively impacts the mission of the church.

Additional Verses:

Matthew 28:20

John 17:11-23

Acts 1:8

Romans 13:

Galatians 5:20

Philippians 2:5

Outline:

1. Church unity is established in Jesus Christ.

Same speech

Same accord

Same mind

Same judgment

2. Church unity must be protected.

3. Church unity drives the mission.

Study Questions:

1. Why is a church's unity established in Jesus Christ? How do the four areas mentioned in verse 10 validate a church's unity?

2. Why must church unity be protected? What are some ways to protect church unity?

3. Why is factionalism in the church dangerous? Where do you see this happening in the church today? Why is it easy to divide into factions?

4. How does a united church testify to the gospel? How does disunity in the church hurt the mission of the church?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?