



What's Next?

We Have a Problem!

1 Corinthians 1:1-18

A. We're Called to be Holy

- [1] We're set apart by God (v. 1:2b)
- [2] We're enriched by God's grace (v. 5)
- [3] We're depending on God's faithfulness (vs. 7a & 8a)

B. We're Called to be in Fellowship

- [1] We're to agree with each other (v. 10a)
- [2] We're to eliminate divisions (v. 10b)
- [3] We're to be united in mind (v. 10c)

C. We're Called to Reject Personality Loyalties (v. 12)

(If we do not, the following will result)

- [1] Contention
- [2] Quarrels
- [3] Wrangling
- [4] Disputes

D. We're Called to Reject Divisions and Live in Unity (v. 18)

(The church in Corinth had three problems)

- [1] They were a defiled church
- [2] They were a divided church
- [3] They were a disgraced church

E. We're Called to be Known by Two Facts

- [1] By our unity
- [2] By our love for each other

We Have the Problem's Answer:

"That they all may be ONE; even as YOU Father, are in ME and I in YOU, that they also may be in US, so that the world may believe that YOU sent ME" (John 17:21)

"I in them, and YOU in ME, that they may be perfected in UNITY, that the world may know that YOU did send ME, and did love them even as YOU did love ME" (John 17:23)

1 Corinthians 1:1 – 18 "Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, ² to the church of God, which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling with all who in every place call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, ⁶ even in the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁹ God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ¹⁰ Now I exhort you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹ For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. ¹² 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.' ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one would say you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ Now I did also baptize the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void. ¹⁸ For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us, who are being saved it is the power of God.

John 17:21 "That they all may be ONE; even as YOU Father, are in ME and I in YOU, that they also may be in US, so that the world may believe that YOU sent ME."

Discussion Questions/Prayer

1. How do you think our church is doing with the issue of unity?
2. How do you think YOU are doing in maintaining unity?
3. How do you think FBCA would rate loving one another?
4. How do you think YOU would rate loving one another?
5. How does John 17:21 affect YOU personally?