

## 1 Corinthians 1:10-16 (January 30, 2022)

### OPENING QUESTION:

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

### READ 1 Corinthians 1:10-16

1. What factors does Paul use in his appeal for unity in 1 Corinthians 1:10?

2. Regarding the divisions within the Corinthian church: “Paul asks that the situation be remedied and that they *be perfectly joined together*. This is the rendering of a Greek verb which has to do with restoring anything to its rightful condition. It is used of mending nets (Mt 4:21). It is used of supplying what was lacking to the faith of the Thessalonians (1 Thes. 3:10). The condition of the Corinthian church was far from what it should have been. Restorative action was demanded. Paul looks to them to come to a united *mind* (= ‘frame of mind’) and *judgement* (= ‘opinion’).”  
(The First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians p.39 by Leon Morris)

Discuss Paul’s use of the Greek verb described above when he calls for unity. Note how he does not view their divisions as hopeless (2 Corinthians 13:11).

3. The Greek word for “**reported**” means to “show,” “make clear,” or “reveal” something. Discuss what may have been the motive of Chloe’s people for giving reports to Paul. Have you ever found yourself in a position that you felt the need to “report” something? If so, what was your motive and what was your goal?

4. "The Corinthians had lamentably failed to understand the position of their evangelists and the substance of the Gospel itself. They did not belong to their teachers; their teachers belonged to them, part of the total gift of God had made them in Christ. And Christ, to whom indeed they all belonged, was not to be thought of as one alternative leader among many but as the only possible foundation of the whole church."  
(The First Epistle to The Corinthians p. 46 by C. K. Barrett)

Comment on Barrett's quote, along with 1 Corinthians 12:28 and Ephesians 4:11-12.  
How can the body of Christ avoid such divisions today?

5. Paul asks, "Is Christ divided?" (1 Corinthians 1:13). Why does Paul ask this question? Give support to your answer to Paul's question from 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12; Ephesians 4:1-6 and any other applicable scripture.

6. After considering this week's passage, what concerns or strengths do you identify regarding your church body?