

THE NECESSITY OF UNITY

I Corinthians 1:10-17

Introduction

Paul is concerned about a report he received from the house of Chloe, a family in the church at Corinth, telling him of the strife that was occurring in the church. This strife was the result of divisions in the church.

- I. The Plea for Unity 10
(Matthew Henry = “affectionate exhortation”)
 - A. Paul’s authority (The Name of the Lord Jesus Christ)
 - B. Paul’s admonition
 - 1. Speak with one voice
 - 2. Seek unity of mind and understanding
- II. The Problem Preventing Unity 11-16
 - A. Contentions (Strife)
 - B. Divisions (They followed men, not the Lord)
- III. The Purpose of Unity 17
 - A. That the gospel be emphasized
 - B. That the cross not be nullified