

“Is Christ Divided?”
I Corinthians 1:10-17

The Appeal for Unity (1:10)... Paul is not calling the Corinthian Church to a superficial unity where everyone agrees to disagree. Instead he is calling them to a true unity where they actually do agree with one another and believe the same thing.

The Path to Division (1:11-16)... The Corinthian Christians were quarreling and dividing themselves up into groups that claimed to follow certain leaders of the church – Paul, Apollos, or Cephas (Peter). Paul stresses that he was not crucified for them nor were they baptized into his name. In other words, the faith is not about him or any other church leader, it is about Christ. Unfortunately, the Corinthian Christians were proudly exalting their own particular brand of Christianity over the others, which was resulting in the beginnings of false doctrine that was more concerned about men than the gospel.

The Key to Unity (1:17)... The unity that Paul desired for the Corinthian Church was one that would come as they united around Christ and the gospel which he preached.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the difference between a true unity and a superficial unity?
2. What is the most important thing we can do to preserve a true unity at Baxter?
3. Do you feel united with other Christians at Baxter?
4. What might be a hindrance to unity in your own life?