

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## ONE

*1 Corinthians 1:10-17*

Knock it off, but not because I said so but because Jesus said so

There is a problematic pattern developing in the church at Corinth:

- Divisions, quarrels, not united in their mind, thought or speech.

He is calling them to agree with one another in mind, thought & speech.

- However, he is not calling them into being clones of each other. Or robotic

But rather speak and act as ONE in Biblical TRUTH. He was talking about the full word's, ministry and actions in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We can be different in trivial and personal matters:

- But we cannot preach a gospel other than Jesus Christ.
- Galatians 1:6-10

How do we do that?

- By keeping our eyes on him and him alone.

We can walk together towards a central point discussing our differences if we keep our eyes on Christ we arrive at the same destination.

If we build walls and defenses arming ourselves against each other, we are denying who Christ truly is. Meaning we

have taken our eyes off of Him and focused them on what defines us.

Paul is again saying stop, let there be NO divisions among you! Be ONE!

God created differences and uniqueness, He did not create us to be divided and quarreling. \* 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 & 18-21

We were designed to be many parts working as ONE.

Identity and Pride were at the center of their division.

**I follow Paul –**  
**I follow Apollo’s –**  
**I follow Cephas –**  
**I follow Christ –**

Romans 12:3-5

- Don’t think of yourself more highly than others...
- But rather be ONE body!
- You cannot separate if you belong to one another!

Is Christ divided? NO!

- He is the truth, the truth cannot not be truth.

C.S. Lewis Trilemma

Was Paul crucified for you? NO!

- Paul was a man, a sinful man, there is no possible way he could carry the sins of all mankind on himself.
- Only one could do that and it is Jesus Christ.

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Were you baptized into the name of Paul? NO!

- Baptism is the repentance and total submission to who?
- 1 Corinthians 12:13 “We were baptized into one Spirit”
- Jesus wasn’t baptized into the name of John the Baptist! We are baptized into the One Spirit, not the person who did the dunking!

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If we argue and quarrel we are only preventing ourselves and others of the power that Jesus Christ did on the cross.

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The world is watching!  
What do we want them to see?

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A new question like Paul’s, was this only written for the churches of Corinth? NO!

It is for us just like it was for them.

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What types of pride and identity do we hold onto that divide us from ONE body?

- Denomination
- Calvinism and Wesleyanism
- Baptism
- Juice or wine
- Leader
- Music
- Social status
- Fear
- Congregation size

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Final encouragement in being ONE from Jesus –

First off Jesus Lived it, and the Word of God shows it!

Jesus commands it for us as believers!  
Mark 12:29-31  
John 13:34-35

Jesus prays it over us!  
John 17:20-26