

- I. Introduction.**
 - A. Most churches have experience some sort of division.**
 - B. God wants churches to be united, because churches that are not united cannot be effective witnesses for Christ.**
- II. The Problem in the Church at Corinth.**
 - A. Paul learned about the division in the church at Corinth from members of Chloe's household (v.11).**
 - B. Paul addressed this problem of division in a spirit of brotherly love (v.10,11).**
 - C. Paul urged the people in the church at Corinth to "agree with one another" (v.10).**
 - 1. Most of the quarreling that goes on in churches is over petty nonsense ... people majoring in minors.**
 - 2. A church needs unity to function properly.**
 - 3. If people within a church can't agree on everything (and they won't), they should at least agree to disagree and continue to love one another.**
 - 4. There is no perfect church, but every Christian needs to find a church that he/she can live with.**
 - D. There were four factions in the church at Corinth (v.12).**
 - E. These factions existed because the people in the church took their eyes off Jesus.**
 - F. When people in a church make someone or something more important than Jesus corruption is sure to follow.**
- III. Paul's Solution to the Problem.**
 - A. Paul reminded the people in the church at Corinth that Jesus and Jesus alone was worthy of their allegiance (v.13).**
 - B. The work of the church is all about pointing people to Jesus – to know Jesus and make him known.**
 - C. Our mission is to love God and people (see Matt. 22:34-39) and make disciples of Jesus (see Matt. 28:19,20).**
 - D. The disciple-making process (Matt. 28:19,20).**
 - 1. Invite others to accept Christ.**
 - 2. Baptize those who accept Christ.**
 - 3. Teach believers what Christ taught.**
 - 4. Exhort believers to obey Christ.**
 - E. As long as we stay focused on our mission and keep our eyes on Jesus, there will be unity in the church and God will use the church to touch lives for his honor and glory.**