

## Questions

1. Have you ever had a difficult experience of some form of disunity within a local church? Can you identify a good lesson that you learned from that experience?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:9. How does the description of a believer's calling into fellowship with Jesus help to form the background to Paul's urging for unity in verse 10.
3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:10. What were the believers urged to do and what was the basis for Paul's exhortation?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. What are some practical ways to balance this instruction with the warning to the Corinthians to not elevate their leaders in ungodly ways?
5. Believers in Corinth were being swept up by an inordinate love for eloquence in rhetoric. Are there ways by which we may wrongly elevate the means of gospel communication over the message itself?
6. How is it comforting and helpful to remember that God's power is resident in the gospel itself, coupled with the Spirit's work in applying it to unbelievers?
7. Read Romans 10:14-15. While the message is powerful, it still must be communicated. What are some ways that you can improve in sharing the gospel with others?

# 1 Corinthians

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**1 Corinthians 1:10-17**  
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1 Corinthians 1:10-17 describes three Christ-exalting ways that believers can preserve their unity in His body.

Believers need Jesus and all that we derive from being in Christ, but 1 Corinthians 1:9 reminds us that we also need the communal participation of His body as we are in Christ.

#### **1. Do not let strife creep in (1:10-11)**

*Need prayer? Someone will be up front by the piano to pray with you after the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> services.*

**2.Do not let anyone usurp Jesus (1:12-16)**

**3.Do not let the means undermine the message (1:17)**