

WOMEN OF FAITH, PRACTICING INTEGRITY, AND LIVING IN CHRIST

New Testament Unit - Living In Christ - *Undivided* - Nov. 5, 2017

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-31

Intro: Today we start a four week study in 1st Corinthians. We will be looking at Church unity, purity, contentment, and our love for one another. Before we can talk about these subjects, it would be good to see how God has empowered us. Read 1 Cor. 1:1-9 and fill in the blanks:

9:1-3 - We are S_____ in Christ Jesus. We are called to be S_____
T_____.! We are to call _____. From God, we receive
_____ & _____.

9:4-6 - By this grace given us, we are enriched in him in all S_____ & K_____.

When we live "in Christ", we confirm the testimony about C_____ to the world!

9:7-9 - By this grace given us, we are not lacking in any _____, as we wait the
R_____ of Jesus Christ. By this grace given us, God will S_____ us to the end!

God is F_____ & we are called into the F_____ of Christ!

** Because of this empowerment, we are to be united in our (the Church) mission. What is our mission?

I. 1 Cor.1:10-11 God Has Called His Church to Unity

1. Look around the class this morning. What are some of the differences in people that you notice?

How does that challenge our unity within the church?

2. Paul makes three appeals to the church in 1:10. What are they? What do they mean? What was the result of those differences in 1:11?

II. 1 Cor.1:12-16 An Unhealthy Focus on Persons or Personalities Often Leads to Divisions

1. What was the problem expressed in 1:12? How was that effecting their unity?

2. What point is Paul trying to make in vs.13? Was Paul trying to "downplay" the importance of baptism in vss. 14-16? Why are why not?

III. 1 Cor.1:17-25 Focusing On Our Mission Will Minimize Division

1. What was Paul's mission in vs. 17? How could "eloquent wisdom" harm the message of the cross?

2. (1:18-19) How is the word of the cross described?

3. (1:20-25) Paul contrasts the wisdom of man versus the wisdom of God. From these verses, what do you learn about both?

MAN'S WISDOM

GOD'S WISDOM

IV. 1 Cor.1:26-31 Choosing What is Right Will Help Unity

1. Paul now contrasts what man considers important and what God considers important. From these verses, what can we learn about these choices?

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