

1 Corinthians 03 – 1:10-18

Baptismal Divisions

1. 1:10-11 – No Divisions

- a. Biblical unity demands sound doctrine: Eph 1:10, 4:3, 1Co 1:10, 1Tim 1:3, Ro 16:17
- b. Division is necessary when the doctrine is wrong: Gal 1:7-9, Luk 12:51, John 7:53
- c. This unity was not the “one accord” of the kingdom: Acts 1:14, 2:1, 2:46, 4:24, 5:12
- d. The same thing (gospel of Christ): Rom 15:16-18, 1 Cor 2:6-7, Eph 6:19, Titus 2:1
- e. The same mind (of Christ): 1 Cor 2:16, Phil 2:2-6, Rom 12:16
- f. The same judgment (life in Christ): Phil 1:9-10, Rom 8:6, 1 Cor 2:14-15

2. 1:12-13 – Four Baptisms, Four Ministers

- a. Baptism is a means of identification – Luke 7:29-30, John 1:25, 31
- b. There are multiple baptisms in the Bible – Mat 3:11, 1 Cor 10:1, Eph 4:4
- c. It continues to be the most divisive doctrine, because it is Biblical.
- d. The contention is about who has authority: 1 Cor 3:5-7, 4:3, 2 Cor 3:1, 11:5, 12:12
- e. Four ministries, four baptisms. Paul answers: 1Co 3:10, 4:15-16, 11:1, Ro 11:13
- f. Paul(mystery), Apollos(prophet John), Cephas (Acts 2 power), Christ (Mat-John)

3. 1:14-17 – Paul and Baptism

- a. John was sent to baptize: John 1:31-33
- b. His disciples were OT law abiding Jews! John 3:25-30, 4:1 Mat 9:14
- c. Peter was sent to baptize: Mat 28:19-20, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38
- d. Paul was sent not to baptize: 1 Cor 1:17 - *“I thank God that I baptized none...”*
- e. He baptized some: Acts 16:31, 18:8, but had further revelations: Acts 26:16
- f. Paul’s one baptism = Baptism into Christ: Eph 1:13, 1 Cor 12:13, Rom 6:3-4

4. 1:17-18 – Water Baptism and the Gospel

- a. Water baptism is not a sacrament, ordinance, testimony, command, nor symbol.
- b. Controversy is over how you do it, when you do it, why you do it.
- c. Water baptism is not included in Paul’s gospel – 1 Cor 1:17, 15:1-4
- d. Teaching it diminishes the preaching of the cross – Gal 2:21, 5:2-4
- e. The power of God is the gospel of Christ not any ritual or “sacrament” Rom 1:16