A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

"United In Christ" 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

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Introduction: We have begun a new study where we are working through Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

- 1. This letter was necessary because the church in Corinth was struggling with many problems.
- 2. The first problem Paul addressed, and certainly the most serious, was division.
- 3. When a church is united in Christ, it is powerful, but a house divided cannot stand.
- 4. To be effective for Christ, we must be united.
- 5. Paul tackles division in two ways.
- I. Paul's Calls To Unity
 - A. His Tone
 - Humility
 - Encouraging
 - B. His Goal
 - Unity Of Speech
 - Elimination Of Division
 - Unity Of Mind

- II. Paul Addresses The Division
 - A. The Reality In Corinth
 - There Were Divisions
 - There Were Divided Loyalties
 - B. The Answer For Corinth
 - Unity In Christ
 - Unity In Purpose

Conclusion: Division is a common problem, but there is an answer.

- 1. We are one in Christ, we have a common purpose in Christ, we share a common future.
- 2. Because that is true, we should live out "Not my will, but thy will be done."
- 3. When we do this, division will disappear.