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Unity, Not Division in Church

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

- 1) In Christ's Church, there is to be unity, not division (10-16)
 - a) Christ died for us, not a pastor, teacher, etc.
 - b) We are baptized into Christ's name, not the one who led us to Christ
 - c) When a church is divided, God is divided
 - d) We're not called to uniformity, just unity
- 2) Christians are sent by Christ to make disciples (17; cf. Matt. 28:19-20)
 - a) Baptizing them in the name of the Triune God
 - i) One baptism (Eph. 4:5) w/ the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)
 - ii) Baptism for "believe" (Rom 6:3)
 - iii) Baptism for "death" (Rom 6:4)
 - iv) Baptism for "unite" (1 Cor 10:1-2; cf. 12:13)
 - v) Baptism for "buried" (Col. 2:12)
 - vi) Baptism for "faith" (1 Pet. 3:21)
 - vii) Baptism for suffering & death (Luke 12:50)
 - b) Teaching them to observe all Christ commanded
- 3) How do we maintain unity in Christ's Church when there is so much to disagree about?
 - a) Agree that Scripture alone guides us
 - b) Focus on Christ, not worldly things
 - c) Come together for study of Scripture and for prayer
 - d) Refuse to be divisive; warn those who are (Rom. 16:17-18)
 - e) Refuse to be a preacher-follower
 - f) Engage in political discussions carefully and tactfully or not at all