

## I. Our Call To Unity (10)

- A. **Our family** - “I appeal to you, brothers...”
- B. **Our following** - “...by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...”
- C. **Our faith** - “...that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you...” **Agreement on essentials**
- D. **Our fellowship** - “...but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.” **Not uniformity of opinion, but unity of purpose**

## II. Our Commitment to Unity (11-16)

- A. **Paul exposes the problem (11)** - “For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.”
- B. **Paul examines the problem (12)** - “What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” **{the educator}**; or “I follow Apollos,” **{the communicator}**; or “I follow Cephas,” **{the originator}**; or “I follow Christ.”
- C. **Paul extinguishes the problem (13-16)** - “Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?”

## III. Our Conviction For Unity (17-25)

**A. The Christian's priority (17)** - “For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.”

### B. The Christian's pardon (18-21)

1. It rests in divine power (18) - “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”
2. It was planned with eternal wisdom (19-20) - “For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” **{Isaiah 29:14}** 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?”
3. It is secured by believing the preached word (21) - “For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.”

**C. The Christian's proclamation (22-25)** - “...we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men....”