

# The Center of the Christian Message

## An Exposition of 1 Corinthians 1-2 (Part 11)

### The Gospel and the Ministry of the Apostle Paul (Part 2)

#### God's Answer to Disunity – The Gospel

- I. The Gospel Revealed in the Design of God (1:18-25)
- II. The Gospel Revealed in the Composition of the Church (1:26-31)
- III. The Gospel Revealed in the Ministry of the Apostle Paul (2:1-5)
  - A. Christ: The Content of our Message (2:1-2)
    1. The Time of the Message (2:1a)
    2. The Void within the Message (2:1b)
    3. The Authority behind the Message (2:1c)
    4. The Nature of the Message (2:2)
      - a. It is All Encompassing (2:2a)
        - determine prefer, examine, decide, deliberate
        - know comprehend, understand
      - b. It is Christological (2:2b)
        - 1) Jesus Christ (2:2b<sub>1-3</sub>)
          - a) Jesus, the Subject of the Bible
          - b) Jesus, the Way to the Father
          - c) Jesus, the Concern of Trinity
        - 2) Jesus Christ, Crucified (2:2b<sub>4-6</sub>)
          - a) The Stigma of the Cross
          - b) The Meaning of the Cross
            - (1) The Penal, Substitutionary Atonement Explained
            - (2) The Penal, Substitutionary Atonement Applied