## The Center of the Christian Message

An Exposition of 1 Corinthians 1-2 (Part 9)

The Gospel and the Composition of the Church (Part 3)

Christ, Our Amen

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)
  - A. The Character of the Composition (1:26-29)
    - 1. The Composition Itself (1:26)
      - 2. The Methodology Behind It (1:27-28)
      - 3. The Reason for It (1:29)
  - B. The Benefits of the Composition (1:30-31)
    - 1. The Source of the Benefits (1:30a)
      - by His doing = from or out of Him
      - "from or out of Him you yourself are in Christ Jesus"
    - 2. The Benefits (1:30b)
      - a. Wisdom from God  $(1:30b_{1-7})$ 
        - "But out of Him you yourself are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, that is, righteousness and sanctification, and redemption" (1:30).
      - b. Made Righteous by God  $(1:30b_{8-9})$
      - c. Set Aside for God  $(1:30b_{10-11})$ 
        - sanctified ➤ holy ➤ separation/distinction ➤ purification/consecration
      - d. Ransomed by God  $(1:30b_{12-13})$ 
        - redemption release, liberate, or set free
    - 3. The Consequence (1:31)