

Lucy's Hand

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

God calls the local church to live in harmony so the cross is it's power.

God is calling the local church;

1. to live in unity; V10
 - a. with agreement.
 - b. with connection.
 - c. with a Christ-like perspective and discernment.

2. to live according to the power of the gospel and not the power of man. V11-17
 - a. Rejecting the power of personality. 11-13
 - b. Removing the power of pride. v14-16
 - c. Relying on the power of the cross. v17

Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another,
in accord with Christ Jesus,
that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Christian community is a community of the cross, for it has been brought into being by the cross, and the focus of its worship is the Lamb once slain, now glorified. So the community of the cross is a community of celebration, a eucharistic community, ceaselessly offering to God through Christ the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving. The Christian life is an unending festival. And the festival we keep, now that our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, is a joyful celebration of his sacrifice, together with a spiritual feasting upon it.

~John Stott~

1921 – 2011, British Evangelical Anglican minister and theologian who fought for biblical authority in the Anglican church for his entire life. His book *Basic Christianity* is a must-read for new believers.