



# I RESOLVE.

A new pastor is a time of change for both church and pastor. There is excitement and anticipation, inevitable bumps in the road, compromise and understanding. The pastor is both leader and servant. He is a servant just like any member of the church. He will guide and shepherd and pray for the church as the church prays for him.

And some people may not get along with him. Crazy how humanity isn't all unicorns and rainbows, huh?

But ultimately, the goal of any pastor is to preach Christ. As long as a pastor resolves that Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection will be proclaimed - we can all get behind that. We can stand in unity there. Paul had to talk to the Corinthians about how they treated their speakers in his day. What similarities are there to us now?

# IN THE BIBLE.

## **1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's

household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

### **1 Cor. 2:1-5**

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

## **QUESTIONS.**

1. How do you tend to handle/deal with change?
2. What does it mean to "know nothing except Christ crucified?"
3. How can you live that out in your daily life?
4. What can you do to not be apart of division in the church?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?