

**Congratulations to all those entering the waters of baptism today!**

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**Background on Corinth:** "Las Vegas meets Miami"

- Population = 80,000
- What happens in Corinth stays in Corinth
- Sits on the SW corner of the isthmus and SE corner of the western gulf
- Massive hub for trade
- Had several freshwater springs that made the city a sought-after destination
- Excessively proud of its *Romanitas* (Roman-ness)
- Home of the temples to Aphrodite, Poseidon, Apollo, Asclepius
- Social imbalance = a few rich, many poor, at least half were slaves



**1 Corinthians**

- I. Division over leaders (ch. 1-4)
- II. Division over sexual ethics (ch. 5-6)
- III. Division over litigation (ch. 6)
- IV. Division over marriage (ch. 7)
- V. Division over idol food (ch. 8-10)
- VI. Division over corporate worship (ch. 11)
- VII. Division over spiritual gifts (ch. 12-14)

"...we divide because of pride; the root of factionalism is almost always self-importance and arrogance." – Andrew Wilson

➤ **A Plea for Unity**

*1 Corinthians 1:10-12*

*10 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. 11 My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 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."*



"...I love my country. Deeply. But when I die, I won't go to Washington, DC. Neither will you. And neither will your neighbors or their kids. The issue is not patriotism. The issue is priority...I'm advocating for '*One nation under God*'. God first. Nation second. Our ultimate allegiance is to a King who came to reverse the order of things—the King who rather than requiring his subjects to die for him, died for them instead. That's a better King. And our uncompromising devotion to our better King will ultimately make America a better nation."  
– Andy Stanley

1 Corinthians 1:13

*Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?*

➤ **A Call to Remember the History**

1 Corinthians 1:18-19 (*The Message*)

*The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out. It's written, I'll turn conventional wisdom on its head, I'll expose so-called experts as shams.*

"The cross—a stark symbol that was supposed to mean *Roma Victor*—has come to mean *Christus Victor*. Those the ancient world regarded as heroes have become villains, and the crucified criminal has become the most admired and worshiped figure in history."

– Andrew Wilson