

# 1 CORINTHIANS

## *Correcting the Church* "The Cause of Carnal Division"

**INTRO:** *Today we examine a schism that revealed carnality in the Corinthian church. Disagreements among Believers must not always lead to division, but division over "nonessentials" always displays carnality. Paul will address a major cause of this kind of division in today's study.*

**I. Christians may disagree over \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ of the faith and remain \_\_\_\_\_.** *Disagreement on the format of discipleship, preferences in music, schedule for celebrating the Lord Supper, and even church attire are examples.*

**II. Disagreement over *non-essentials* that results in \_\_\_\_\_ reveals \_\_\_\_\_ (1:10-16).**  
*Carnality (a.k.a. worldliness) is the pursuit to gratify the physical at the expense of the spiritual. It wasn't necessarily the non-essentials but **who determined them for the rest of the congregation**, which divided the church in Corinth.*

**III. Unite in the \_\_\_\_\_ to cure carnal division (1:17).**  
*With mention of the Gospel in v.17, Paul transitions from the cause of carnal division to its spiritual **cure**.*

**A. The Gospel is the good news of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*Jesus died for us to pay the wages our sin deserved. All we must do is transfer trust to Him to be redeemed (saved).*

**B. The Gospel unites Believers in one \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*God sanctifies us (setting us apart) from the World to Christ to reach the World for Christ. The Church is the spiritual body of Christ, Who is our spiritual Head.*