

# ***The Correction of Party Strife (1)***

## ***Chapter 1***

1. In 1:10, Paul beseeches the Corinthians to put away all divisions from among themselves.
  - a. The word for *divisions* here is *schism*. Why is schism such a serious sin in the church? See Psalm 122:6-9; Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 4:1-5.
  - b. Can you find any references in the Church Order to schism?
  - c. How can we at Faith “speak the same thing, and . . . be perfectly joined together in the same mind?”
2. What are we to make of the report from “them which are of the house of Chloe?” Does this fall into the category of gossip or tattletaling? Are there any situations in which we or our children should imitate these members of Chloe’s household?
3. What was the specific issue that divided the church at Corinth? Does this kind of division trouble the PRC in any way?
4. How does Paul answer those who claimed with a sectarian, party spirit that they were of Paul?
5. Paul spends a large portion of chapter 1 explaining the mystery of preaching.
  - a. What was Paul’s opinion of his own preaching abilities? See I Cor. 1:17; 2:1, 4; II Cor. 10:10; 11:6.
  - b. What was Paul’s opinion of the effectiveness of his preaching? Find references in I Cor. 1.
  - c. How are we to explain the power of preaching to save men?
  - d. What must be the central message of all preaching?
  - e. Why would God be pleased to save men by such an apparently weak means?