

# An Opening Appeal for Unity

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

(series #4)

**Introduction: first was the good news, now the bad news**

- I. The Appeal for Unity v. 10**
  - A. The family context of the appeal - “Brethren”**
  
  - B. The basis of the appeal - “our Lord Jesus Christ”**
  
  - C. The specifics of the appeal**
    - 1. “speak the same thing” - a uniform testimony**
    - 2. “that there be no divisions”**
    - 3. “the same mind” - to please and honor Christ**
    - 4. “the same judgment” - not allowing trivial issues to divide**
  
- II. The Reason for the Appeal v. 11**
  - A. The report from Chloe**
  
  - B. The presence of contentions - Galatians 5:20**
  
- III. The Expression of the Divisions vv. 12-16**
  - A. Divisions over spiritual leaders vv. 12-13**
    - 1. Some were “of Paul”**
  
    - 2. Some were “of Apollos”**
  
    - 3. Some were “of Cephas”**
  
    - 4. Some were “of Christ”**
  
  - B. Divisions over baptism vv. 14-16**
  
- IV. The Centrality of the Cross v. 17**