

## **Are You Of Christ? (1)**

When condemning division at Corinth, Paul said, "Now I say this, that each of you says, 'I am of Paul,' or 'I am of Apollos,' or 'I am of Cephas,' or 'I am of Christ'" (1 Cor. 1:12). Instead of all of them being "of Christ," some were dividing and following after men. To help bring the issue in focus, Paul asked, "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Cor. 1:13). The answer to all of these was "NO!" Yet, it reveals two important points.

First, Christ is not divided, therefore His followers should not be divided. They should be united in truth; speaking the same thing, with the same mind and judgment (Jn. 17:20-23; 1 Cor. 1:10). Still, men have created and continue to support the divisions of denominationalism. They are divided from one another by name, organization and the introduction of unbiblical doctrines. For instance, when someone adopts the name "Presbyterian," he divides himself from every other person who does not want to use that name. The same is true for Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, etc. Why not accept the name Christian alone, to which no one who loves Christ can object?

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