

## **Are You Of Christ? (2)**

"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.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Cor. 1:12-13). In our last article we noted that Christ is not divided, therefore His followers should not be divided (1 Cor. 1:10; Jn. 17:20-23).

We now observe that to be "of Paul," he had to be crucified for you and you must be baptized in his name. Hence, to be "of Christ," He had to be crucified for you and you must be baptized in His name. That Christ was crucified for us is beyond question (Matt. 27; 1 Pet. 2:24). However, not everyone who claims to follow Christ has been baptized in His name. To be baptized in His name is to do it according to His authority (cf. Acts 4:7, 10). By His authority, Jesus said to be baptized to be saved (Mk. 16:16). By Christ's authority, Peter said to be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Those who are baptized for a reason other than the remission of sins, has not been baptized in the name of Christ. Therefore, they are not of Christ.

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