



# FIRST CORINTHIANS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 / IDENTITY AND POWER / 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

*IN THIS EARLY SECTION OF 1 CORINTHIANS, THE APOSTLE PAUL APPEALS FOR UNITY BASED UPON THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST. EVERYTHING THAT FOLLOWS IN THIS LETTER IS AN ELABORATION OF THIS APPEAL. WITH A NEW IDENTITY ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL, THE CHURCH CAN BECOME AN ALTERNATE COMMUNITY CHARACTERIZED BY SELF-GIVING LOVE.*

**Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-18.**

1. In what ways is our culture preoccupied with creating a personal identity?
2. How has this preoccupation shown up in the life of the church?
3. Why is the gospel message, the message of the cross, seen as foolish by non-believers (1 Corinthians 1:18A)? (see Psalm 10:4; 2 Corinthians 4:4)
4. In what ways is the gospel, to the believer, the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18B)? (see Psalm 103:8-12)
5. In what way is our salvation experienced as a process (1 Corinthians 1:18B)? (see Colossians 2:6-7; Ephesians 4:22-24)
6. Why is unity within the church so important to its witness to the world (1 Corinthians 1:10)? (see John 13:34-35; Ephesians 3:10-11)

***Holy Spirit, help me experience a deeper knowledge and appropriation of the gospel's power in my life today.***