

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Passage Reflection

This page is meant for individuals, small group Bible studies, or one-on-one interactions. Since learning more about the text's meaning in our corporate gathering, I would encourage you to meditate on the passage again so that you might respond to God in praise and obedience. I've included some of my personal meditations that might benefit you. May reflection on this passage be used by God to conform you into the image of Christ.

-Pastor Andrew

What do I learn about God?

This Spirit-authored passage wants the Corinthians to understand that their divisions over their preferred preachers are causing them to take the focus off Christ. Instead of keeping the focus on their Savior who died for them (v13), they are enamored with their preferred preachers. The Holy Spirit desires the focus to be on the person of Jesus Christ.

Is there anything for which I should repent based on this text?

Dividing or quarreling with other Christians over our preferred teachers.

Operating as though we and our fellow brothers and sisters were on a different team (v10).

Assuming that Christ is present with one teacher and not others (v13)

Letting a "party spirit" take the focus off of the work that Christ has done in the cross and what He's doing in calling others to Himself.

How might God use this passage to make me look more like Christ?

How does this passage affect evangelism?

Factions and divisions will severely hamper evangelism. By being united in the same mind and judgment (v10), we are operating like we are on the same team, for a common cause. That cause is seeing the gospel go out in power (v17).

How can I edify the church based on what this passage says?

Prayer

Father, your Spirit has instructed us in this passage. It's clear that you do not want the work of your Son to be overshadowed by the popularity of His messengers. Forgive us for any way that we've identified with teachers to the detriment of the body of Christ. Cause all of us to be enamored with Christ and His work. Give us the ability to remember that we're on the same team with the same goal of seeing Christ's gospel go forth in power.