

1ST CORINTHIANS | A HOUSE DIVIDED

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Contrary to popular belief Abraham Lincoln was not the first one to say, *a house divided against itself cannot stand*. Jesus said the following while being attacked by the Pharisees, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand (Mt. 12:25b)." In Jesus' high priestly prayer recorded in John 17, Jesus prayed that His current disciples may be one (11). In the same chapter, He prayed directly for you and me that we may be one so that the world would know that the Father sent Him and loves us as He loves Jesus (21-23). The Corinthian church had issues. It was a mess. The area that Paul first addressed was their lack of unity. Paul challenged the Corinthians in several areas pertaining to unity. In what areas should the church be united?

1. We must _____ with one another, with no _____ regarding the essentials of the faith and the person of Jesus Christ.
2. We must not choose _____ and _____, but instead be _____ following godly men who follow Jesus Christ.
3. We must recognize that no _____ can be to us what Christ is and bring the _____ that Christ establishes.
4. We must realize the heart of our faith is the _____ of Jesus Christ and then _____ accordingly.