The Unity of the Church

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

"The ruin of a kingdom is a little thing in God's sight, in comparison with division among a handful of sinners redeemed by the blood of Christ."

-R.C. Chapman

I. The Plea

II. The Problem

III. The Perscription

Into the Bible

Most of us are familiar with the biblical concept of the Church as the body of Christ. Later on in this letter, Paul will expand on that concept. Physically our bodies are complex collections of different parts that must work together to be healthy. What allows that to happen? How do these passages continue that imagery as it relates to the Church? (Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 1:22-23)

When it comes right down to it, Christ owns the Church. No one else has a claim on it or could. What reason is there for His right of possession? (Acts 20:28, Matthew 16:18)

Application

While it is natural to give honor to those who have positively impacted our lives spiritually, a problem arises when this becomes loyalty to those individuals. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5) Why is this dangerous? How does it pose a real risk to pastors and teachers as well? (1 Peter 5:1-5)

For Families

Talk with your children about why our church, Chapel City, is *really* Christ's church.