

## **PULPIT MINISTRY: AUGUST 2015**

Theme: **“That They May Be One” (John 17:22)**

### **MORNING WORSHIP**

**2 August 2015**

Text: **1 Corinthians 1**

Title: **No Divisions**

### **THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH**

1. Founded by the apostle Paul (and team) (Acts 18:1-18)
2. He stayed in Corinth for 18 months (Acts 18:11)
3. The church became a greatly gifted church
  - a) Enriched in everything (1 Corinthians 1:5)
  - b) Coming short in no gift (1 Corinthians 1:7)

### **PROBLEMS IN THE CHURCH**

1. Many problems afflicted the church
2. A short list of the problems
  - a) Schism (1 Corinthians 1:10)
  - b) Carnality (1 Corinthians 3:1)
  - c) Worldly wisdom (1 Corinthians 3:18)
  - d) Spirit of Litigation (1 Corinthians 6:1)

## **THE DANGER OF SCHISM**

### **1. Factions in the church**

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| a) Paul    | (1 Corinthians 1:12) |
| b) Apollos | (1 Corinthians 1:12) |
| c) Cephas  | (1 Corinthians 1:12) |
| d) Christ  | (1 Corinthians 1:12) |

### **2. Causes for Schism**

- a) Loss of focus on the Message of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 1:18)
- b) Too much focus on the wisdom of the world (1 Corinthians 1:21)

## **REGAINING FOCUS**

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| 1. Remembering our calling from God | (1 Corinthians 1:26)    |
| 2. Remembering our humble roots     | (1 Corinthians 1:27-28) |
| 3. Remembering our Redemption       | (1 Corinthians 1:29-31) |