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**“A Church Without Divisions”**

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“Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

I Corinthians 1:10

**I. The Symptoms of Division**

A. Quarrels

B. Factions

1. Paul’s Pals
2. Apollos’ Army
3. Cephas’ Select Elect
4. Christ’s Crowd

**II. The Causes of Division**

A. Spiritual immaturity

B. A life dominated by the flesh

### **III. The Remedy for Division**

A. Stop exalting human leaders!

B. Glorify God alone, Who causes the growth anyway!

C. Get to work!

If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Philippians 2:1,2

#### For Further Discussion

1. Why are church divisions still common today?
2. Why are we inclined to exalt human leaders?
3. Read the following verses and comprise a list of guidelines for resolving quarrels. Colossians 3:12-15; Matthew 18:15-20; Proverbs 15:1; 17:14; 20:3.
4. Pray for unity within your LIFEGROUP and all of Calvary Bible Church.