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“THE CROSS AND CHRISTIAN UNITY”
1 Corinthians 3:1-23

The big deal with disunity over church leaders...

The REASON: _____ **Christianity**

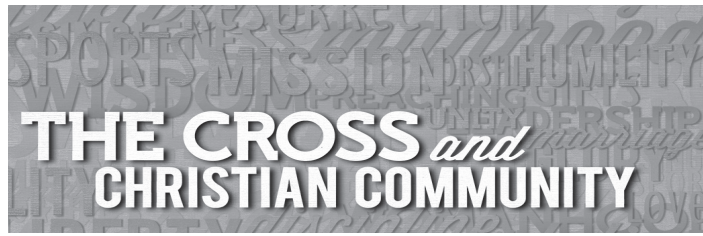
- Christian maturity is _____ by _____. (1-3)
- Christian carnality is rooted in _____. (3-4)
- Christian vanity always causes _____. (3-4)

The REMINDER: God is the _____ of the gospel.

- The church is God’s _____. (5-9)
 - Leaders are the servants, but God gives the _____.
 - Leaders work the ground, but God gives the _____.
 - Leaders work _____ because God gives the _____.
- The church is God’s _____. (9-15)
 - God gives the _____, so leaders build _____.
 - God gives the _____, so leaders build accordingly.
 - God gives the _____, so leaders build for _____.
- The church is God’s _____. (16-17; cf. Eph. 2:21-22)
 - God gives His _____ and each local church gets to _____ it.
 - God gives His _____ and each believer must _____ it.

The RESPONSE: _____ **only in God.**

- The wisdom of the world is so _____. (18)
- The wisdom of God is so _____. (19-20)
- The _____ of God is so _____. (21-23; cf. Eph. 1:20-23)



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The REASON: Carnal Christianity

- Christian maturity is stunted by carnality. (1-3)
- Christian carnality is rooted in vanity. (3-4)
- Christian vanity always causes disunity. (3-4)

The REMINDER: God is the star of the gospel.

- The church is God’s field. (5-9)
 - Leaders are the servants, but God gives the jobs.
 - Leaders work the ground, but God gives the growth.
 - Leaders work together because God gives the wages.
- The church is God’s building. (9-15)
 - God gives the grace, so leaders build cooperatively.
 - God gives the gospel, so leaders build accordingly.
 - God gives the rewards, so leaders build for eternity.
- The church is God’s temple. (16-17; cf. Eph. 2:21-22)
 - God gives His Spirit and each local church gets to host it.
 - God gives His holiness and each believer must preserve it.

The RESPONSE: Boast only in God.

- The wisdom of the world is so deceptive. (18)
- The wisdom of God is so dominant. (19-20)
- The glory of God is so desirable.
(21-23; cf. Eph. 1:20-23)