

# "APOSTOLIC FORMULA FOR THE CORRECTION OF SECTARIANISM" I CORINTHIANS 1:13-17

## **I. THREE RIDICULOUS ASSUMPTIONS, ALL LEVELED WITHIN THE REALM OF IMPOSSIBILITY (1:13-16)**

- A. A Christological Impossibility: "Divided, Does The Christ Stand Divided?" [Force Of The Original Grammar] (1:13a)
- B. A Soteriological Impossibility: Faith In Paul Cannot Save: "*Was Paul Crucified For You?*" (1:13b)
- C. An Ordinance Impossibility: Men Cannot Be Baptized In The Name Of Paul Or Any One Else (1:13c - 16)
  - 1. The Apostle Purposely Delegated Baptismal Responsibilities To Others (1:14,16)
  - 2. Perhaps This Became A Major Contributing Factor To The Pervasive Party Spirit

## **II. ONE GLORIOUS FACT: PAUL HAD NOT COME TO BE A BAPTIZER BUT A PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL (1:17)**

- A. Paul Kept The Main Thing The Main Thing
- B. He Was Responsible Not Only For *What* He Preached But *How* He Preached It