

United in the Same Mind and Judgment
1 Corinthians 1:10

I. Common Goal in Six Words

A. Pointing to What They Have in Common

1. Common Condition: Called
2. Common Provisions: Grace
3. Common Understanding: Unity

B. Proposition

1. **1 Corinthians 1:10 (ESV) ¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.**
2. Paul uses six specific words in 1:10 to set the stage for the content of the rest of the letter
3. Understanding these words helps us understand, embrace, and practice the teaching of this letter

C. Strategy: Six Words

1. "Appeal" now
2. Other five tonight

II. Six Words That Lead to Genuine Unity

A. Appeal

1. **Beg you from the heart with the authority of my position to identify problems and apply cures**
2. **Some things are worth completely investing yourself in**
 - a. Discipleship
 - (1) **Matthew 10:36-38 (ESV) ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.**
 - (2) Jesus calls for complete devotion, complete investment of our affections in Him
 - b. The Church
 - (1) **Ephesians 5:25-27 (ESV) ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.**
 - (a) That he might - the reason Jesus gave His life for the church
 - (b) Cleanse her

- (c) Present her
- (d) Make her holy and blameless
- (2) If this is the reason Jesus gave Himself to the church, then this is the reason you, the Church, should give yourselves to the same cause
 - (a) **Ephesians 5:8-10 (ESV)** ⁸ *for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light* ⁹ *(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),* ¹⁰ *and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.*
 - (b) Find out what is pleasing to the Lord so you can live each minute of your days pleasing the Lord
- c. God's glory
 - (1) **1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV)** *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*
 - (2) Even the common, ordinary, essential activities of life are worth doing for the glory of God
 - (a) Intentional discipleship
 - (b) Willing exertion
 - (c) Radical surrender
- 3. **Paul urges a certain way of thinking and life upon all believers because he has discovered in Jesus there are some things worth completely investing you life in.**

B. Tonight: The Other Five Words

III. The Ground for Both the Appeal and the Action: the name of Jesus Christ

A. The life filter for all believers

- 1. **Given all Jesus is and all you know about Him, become like Him**
 - a. **John 6:35 (ESV)** ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
 - b. **John 8:12 (ESV)** ¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
 - c. **John 8:58 (ESV)** ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."
 - d. **John 10:11 (ESV)** ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
 - e. **John 11:25 (ESV)** ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
 - f. **John 14:6 (ESV)** ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
 - g. **John 15:1 (ESV)** ¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.
- 2. **On the basis of all Jesus is and all He has done for us, let Him be the focus of every relationship and every response you make in the world.**

- a. Let Him be the heart with which you love your wife or husband and your family
 - b. Let Him be the wisdom and humility with which you interact with service providers and co-workers
 - c. Let Him be the healing you seek and receive from doctors and others
 - d. Let Jesus be the focus of your life and the one Person you seek to please in everything
3. **Buddy Skinner: "Jesus!"**
- B. The life changer for all unbelievers**
- 1. The condition of the unbelieving but seeking heart
 - a. You know your sin
 - b. You know the desire in your heart to be free of guilt and shame
 - c. You know the longing to know God and walk with Him and embrace what it means to belong to Him
 - 2. The answer to the condition of the unbelieving but seeking heart
 - a. Put your faith in Jesus
 - b. Commit to knowing and following Him

TONIGHT: The other five words

- A. Agree
 - 1. To say the same thing
 - 2. Political slogan: familiar/powerful in context
- B. Divisions: "schisma"
 - 1. Splits/tears
 - 2. "Reject the established church"
- C. United
- D. Mind: mind-set/worldview
- E. Judgment: consent/voluntary willingness to set aside personal rights/entitlements for the common