

I Corinthians 1:13 – “Is Christ divided?” The answer is no, but the church is. The Corinthian church was emblematic of the church today that is split up and cut up, to the point it is a caricature of the original. The Corinthian Christians carried banners for Paul and Peter and Apollos, even Christ. Today the church is more fragmented than ever. There are more than 200 distinct denominations in the United States. That includes cults and liberal groups that add to or take away from the Scriptures. However, when you remove non-Christian sects from the mix, we are left with many Christians who believe the essentials of the Christian faith. Even when we distance ourselves from demagogues, hustlers, entertainers, and prosperity practitioners, there are enough churches remaining who share the “common salvation” and “the faith that was once delivered unto the saints.” Denominations themselves are not wrong, only in so far as they become exclusive and divide the body of Christ. You Tube is filled with “ministries” whose sole purpose is to divide. There is a difference between an apologetics ministry and a witch hunt. The “unity of the spirit in the bond of peace” has been erased from the Bibles of many who claim to defend it. Unity for many is around Calvinism, Arminianism, Pentecostalism, or evangelicalism. There is enough room in these “isms” for unity and cooperation in the faith – and that is what it takes for revival. If you want revival, begin to pray for unity. I mean a unity of Christians regardless of church affiliation, as long as they hold the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith. Revivals are not parochial. They’re not insulated or restricted. They are based on the unity of the Spirit, and they depend on the Spirit of that unity for their success. Those who choose sectarianism over the Spirit miss revivals. All revivals are birthed and borne along in prayer by Christians, regardless of church affiliation. Spiritual hunger is not limited to denominations. The revival in India during the late 1900s began when Methodists, Congregationalists, Baptists, and Anglicans began to pray together. They all reaped the harvest of revival. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the unity of the Spirit. “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

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