



*1 Corinthians 1:10-17 "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. <sup>12</sup>Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ...*

### **What is the Church to do When It Encounters Divisive Issues?**

1. **Keep Our Focus** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 10, 13)  
What happens when we lose sight of the Saviour?
  - a. We can get our eyes \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. We can get our eyes \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. We can get our eyes \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 12:1-2)
2. **Keep Our Focus** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 13-17,  
Matthew 28:19-20)
3. **We Must Focus** \_\_\_\_\_

*...<sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name <sup>16</sup>Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect."*