

The Center of the Christian Message

An Exposition of 1 Corinthians 1-2 (Part 2)

Introduction: the Problem of Division in the Church (2)

The Importance of the Christian Message

1. The Background of the Book
2. The Problem of Divisions Exposed (1:10-11)
3. The Absurdity of Divisions Exposed (1:12-16)
4. The Structure of Paul's Defense of the Gospel
 - a. The Extent of the Defense
 - b. The Nature of the Defense
5. The Appeal of Paul to the Gospel to Refute Factionalism (1:17)
 - a. The Purpose of His Mission (1:17a-b)
 - b. The Method of His Mission (1:17c-d)
 - 1) It Eschewed Human Eloquence (1:17c)
 - 2) It Embraced Divine Efficiency (1:17d)
 - a) By Embracing the Cross (1:17d₁₋₅)
 - b) By Embracing the Gospel's Sufficiency (1:17d₆₋₁₀)
 - c. Some Implications from His Mission