

The Center of the Christian Message

An Exposition of 1 Corinthians 1-2 (Part 7)

The Gospel and the Composition of the Church (Part 1)

Is the gospel proven in the people that experience its transforming power?

Is the gospel's character revealed in the people who experience its transforming power?

- The Problem (1:10-13)
- The Answer (1:14-17)

God's Answer to Disunity – The Gospel

- I. The Gospel Revealed in the Design of God (1:18-25)
 - A. God's Design Summarized (1:18-19)
 - B. God's Design Defended (1:20-24)
- II. The Gospel Revealed in the Composition of the Church (1:26-31)
 - A. The Character of the Composition (1:26-29)
 1. The Composition Itself (1:26)
 - a. The Construction of the Composition (1:26a)
 - “The effectual call is that act of God whereby He through the use of the general call definitively draws and regenerates those whom He has predestined to adoption as sons (Eph. 1:4-5).”
 - consider see
 - b. The Limitations of the Composition (1:26b)
 - wise the expert, shrewd, mentally skillful
 - mighty ability, capability
 - noble high born