## Church Theme for 2018-20: "God Has Decreed Work For His Creation!" Psa. 102:25; Isa. 64:8; Gen. 2:2,3

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church Sunday, May 31, 2020

### **Sermon Outline**

# "The Problem Of Divisions In The Church At Corinth!"

- D. Paul Defends His Innocence Of Influencing Any Division Around Him, v-13
  - 1. He challenges the idea that Christ was divided, v-13a
  - 2. He questions if Paul had been crucified for them, v-13b
  - C. Paul Sends Grace And Peace To Them From God Our Father And The Lord Jesus Christ, v-3
  - 3. He then questions if they had been baptized in Paul's name, v-13c
  - 4. Paul rejoices that he had only baptized a few of them, v-14-16

#### IV. THE PROBLEM ANALYZED, 1 Cor. 3:1, 2

- --They were acting like baby Christians! Cf. Heb. 5:12, 13
- A. He Could Not Speak To Them As Mature Believers, v-1a
- B. He Had To Speak To Them As Fleshly Christians, v-1b; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 4:24
- C. He Could Only Give Them Spiritual Baby Food, v-2a; 1 Pet. 2:2

- D. He Couldn't Give Them Spiritual Solid Food, v-2b
- E. They Were Not Able To Receive Spiritual Solid Food, v-2c
- F. Even At This Writing They Were Not Able To Receive Spiritual Solid Food, v-2d

#### V. THE EVIDENCE OF THE PROBLEM, v-3,4

- A. They Were Currently Fleshly Christians, v-3a
- B. Their Jealousy And Strife Among Them Proved They Were Living As Fleshly Christians, v-3b
- C. Their Division Over Him And Apollos Shows Their Fleshly Living, v-4

# VI. THE FOOLISHNESS OF THE DIVISION PROBLEM, v-5-9

- A. Apollos And Paul Were Only The Lord's Servants v-5
- B. God Was The Important Force In Their Salvation And Growth, v-6, 7 --God causes growth!
- C. God Will Reward His Faithful Servants For Their Individual Labors, v-8
- D. The Real Fact Of The Matter Is This, v-9
  - 1. God's Servants Are His Fellow Workers, v-9a
  - 2. God People Are His Field, His Building, v-9b