Receive Ye One Another

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One of the things that Jesus and the writers ers that make up the church. This is not my opinion; it is God's truth, and it is revealed in his word. Jesus said, "On this rock I will build my church," but only one church.

1 Corinthians 1:10, "Now I beseech you, breth- Apollos; are ye not carnal?"

ren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions in unity and love one another. There is no place among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the church for divisions, bickering, and fussin the same mind and in the same judgment.

Does this verse need some great professor to of the New Testament spoke about was the fact explain it? It seems pretty clear to me, or at least that there was only one group of believers in His I think it does. Sounds to me like he is saying that ion is like your opinion, when that is all we have church. There was, and still is, one group of believ- those who believe in, and follow, Jesus are to be we don't have a right to push it on anyone else. It's in agreement on matters of faith and doctrine. not what we think, it's what the Lord says that is How often do we see this in our day? I have met important. with people who when they found out that I was (Matthew 16:18). There are many congregations, a Christian, started looking for things to disagree tion, think about it and give an honest answer, to about. Really? Why? Is that what the Lord taught yourself and to God. When a person looks down Satan has fought the Lord every step of the way, us to do? Paul, in writing to the church at Corinth, on someone and thinks that he is better, that is not trying to stop Him from bringing salvation to man-tried to stop their divisions. **1 Corinthians 1:12**kind. He led Herod to kill the infants in an effort to 13 "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I destroy Jesus. Then he rallied the leaders of the am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all Jews to resist Him, and they too, plotted to have Je- *I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified* sus killed. At last they thought that they had won, for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" but He arose from the dead in victory. Satan didn't Then he went on to say in the **third chapter**. give up and we see that as soon as the gospel was **verses three and four**, "For ye are yet carnal: for preached he brought in trouble. He caused divi- *whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and* sion within the believers, causing them to think divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For that their group was better than any other group. while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of

Those who believe in the Lord Jesus are to be ing over man's opinions. This happens because of pride when a person thinks he knows more than everyone else and wants to have his way. My opin-

Do we love one another? This is a serious queslove. **John 13:34-35,** "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." We may not agree on every little thing, but we should accept what the Lord says as gospel. Pray for each other instead of judging one another. **Romans 15:7**, "Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of *God.*" The Lord told us to love one another, and to not judge anyone, he will do that.

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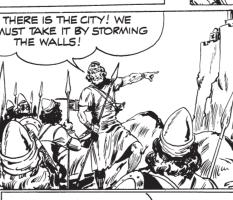
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