

INTRODUCTION: What the factions were about:

1. The Paul party.
2. The Apollos Party.
3. The Cephas party.
4. The Christ party.

THE RESULT OF PARTYISM

1. There was weakness in the church.
 1. They were expending strength in opposing each other when they should use their strength in opposing sin and Satan.
2. There was scandal in the church at Corinth.
 1. Satan has achieved triumph and power in the very church that was set to overthrow him.
3. There is an unchristian feeling among the members.
 1. Unity begets love...Division begets hate.
4. There is hinderance to unbelievers.
 1. Men seeking peace are not going to cast their lot with a group where the STRAIT GATE is blocked up with bickering, quarreling supposed ~~to~~ be Christians

WHY SUCH PARTYISM?

1. PAUL:
 - 1..Made up of those who were the firstfruits of Paul's labors at Corinth. About five years before this Paul had converted a great many at Corinth. Act 18
2. APOLLOS: Acts 18:24
 1. Some at Corinth had a love for "wisdom of word" and the philosophies of men, and they were inclined toward the brilliant scholar, APOLLOS, of Alexandria.
3. CEPHAS: **3 men now pick services they will attend. ^{Reject} _{other}*
 1. Some might have sheltered themselves under the name, Cephas since they tried to combine Christianity-Jude
 2. Then as now men asked themselves what doctrines they
 - *3.* like. Picked one they liked...rejected others.
4. CHRIST: They refused all others, Paul, Apollos, Cephas' teaching. Called themselves by Christ's name which is right...if done in the right way for the right purpose. If they degraded that name to a sect, they were as guilty as the others.

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