DIVISIONS AT CORINTH

In our study of Acts we are pausing to look at 1 Corinthians which was written during the two plus years that Paul spent in Ephesus on his 3rd missionary journey. In this lesson we will focus on the divisions described in chapter 1:11, and some of the attitudes Paul encourages in chapters 1-4

1 Corinthians 1:11 NKJV 11 For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

Why would there be a temptation for some to identify with these men, maybe even claiming them as their spiritual leader as opposed to another or instead of Christ?

Paul?

Apollos?

Cephas (Peter)?

Christ?

How does Paul correct this division?

Browse chapters 1-4. What else does he say that corrects the temptation to elevate men too much?

1 Corinthians 1:13-17 has been used as a “proof text” to teach that baptism is not necessary to salvation. Understanding the context of this passage how would you answer that claim?