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## SERIOUS CHURCH DIVISION.

The people in this church got wrong in their hearts, and became so weak that they were unable to bear strong definite preaching; then they began envying one another and then began quarreling and from that they formed into factions; from this they had a big split in the church over two of the greatest preachers of the day, by the names of Paul and Apollos. The result of it was that Apollos quit them and Paul wrote them a letter and addressed it to those that were "sanctified," and had been "called the saints," and to those in every place who were religious enough to pray. And he commended them very highly and gave them some grand admonitions.

Then he said that Sister Chloe sent me word by her sons that you are having a row over the preachers Paul, Apollos and Cephas and some have abandoned all three, and say they are of Christ. He asks, "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" Why, some of you folk seemed to have gone so far as to dislike the way of the cross. Why? Don't you know, that "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish is foolishness? but unto us which are saved it is the power of God?"

Paul continued this letter, so full of rich things in a beautiful spirit and gave them a hint that they were only ordinary folks when God took them as his people. (See I. Cor. 1-27) and that God could build a pretty good church out of material that was considered weak and base and despised. (See V. 28) Then in the first of the second chapter he said, I used only plain language, "as the testimony concerning Christ, and his salvation is so supremely excellent, as to dignify any kind of language by which it is conveyed." I did so, "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

In this discourse Paul discriminates between "the natural man" and "the spiritual man," and also between christians, "as them that are perfect. Those who are fully instructed in the knowledge

of God through Christ Jesus," and those called Babes in Christ. Those in the initials of the christian life. Although it would seem that a church acting so childish as this one had lost out almost all they ever knew of Christ, when they quarreled over Paul, Apollos and Cephas, for this is how it works and they have to get back over the humiliating way of repentance, and confessing their faults one to another. Hard road for lame people to travel, but it is all the road there is for a people who have been so bitter in their spirits, and said such hard things to each other. So Paul said in substance, you are like a lot of babes. You are in such a state of spiritual babyhood that you are unable to bear the strong meat of the gospel, so as to have need to be fed with milk.

A church of spiritual babes do not know what they need themselves. Well, one says, you know Paul talks about Perfection, about being filled with all the fullness of God and sanctification and being sanctified wholly, and Full Assurance of faith and he talks these things right out plain. Another says: Well, Apollos is a holiness man. He got the blessing one day while taking dinner with Aquila and Priscilla, but you know he clothes it with such beautiful language and with his rich musical voice you would never realize he was preaching holiness. We are all holiness folks.

But Brother Paul makes this appeal: **Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment.**—I. Cor 1-10.

## THE HIGHER ALTITUDES.

John Burroughs, the naturalist, said that when a hawk is attacked by crows or kingbirds, he does not make a counter attack, but soars higher and higher in ever widening circles until his tormentors no longer feel safe to follow him, and at last leave him alone.

Here is an excellent suggestion for life. It is not always heroic to fight, nor cowardly not to fight. Sometimes it is more heroic to refrain. This is what Jesus meant in His puzzling sayings about going the second mile, turning the other cheek to the smiters, and giving the cloak to one who had already taken the coat. Go out of your way, He is saying, to maintain amicable relations with others and to keep your own soul in peace. Cultivate patience, forbearance, long-suffering. They will win out in the end.

The person who has achieved conspicuous success is immediately the target for attack. Jealous souls combine against him or attack him single handed. Small minds advertise their own smallness by knocking, by imputing wrong motives, and in a multitude of ways best known to those of small calibre. The good person is sometimes thus singled out because of his very goodness.

One cannot retaliate without reducing one's self to the level of the antagonists. And usually the one attacked moves in such a sphere that he has not the time to waste in retaliation. What then must he

do? Simply mount to the higher altitudes. Spread the wings of the soul to those uplifting currents of patience, forbearance, self-control. Cultivate that spiritual bigness which makes it impossible to be at heart the enemy of anyone.

Paul had this spirit. He knew of those who proclaimed the Christ out of jealousy and opposition, for the express purpose of tormenting him during his imprisonment. Did they succeed? Spreading the wings of his great soul, Paul soared to the higher altitudes, declaring, "Their insincerity matters not. Christ is being made known. That is the main thing. At that I rejoice."

Christ set His own example. He was too big for small souls. He lived in too lofty an atmosphere for His enemies to reach. Born under a cloud, He was all His life the object of slanderous attack. But He lived beyond the strife of tongues. His enemies sought to entrap Him, but they could never bind His free spirit. They crucified His body, but Him they could not slay. His sublime disregard of the bondage of death, and His bodily ascension, were illustrations of the lofty soul winging its flight to the higher altitudes.

This is the victory that overcomes the world and that brings peace to the soul.—Richmond Advocate.

## ICE CREAM SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH

A correspondent asks our opinion of Ice Cream Socials for the support of the church. To us there is something radically wrong in a church that has to be supported by the sale of ice cream.

Such support is not scriptural. The New Testament clearly gives the method thus, "On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store as the Lord has prospered him." Any church that can not be thus supported is too feeble in its piety to be of any spiritual influence in the community.

Such methods of support dry up the liberality of the church and tend to make it more stingy. The spirit of the gospel is to give rather than receive. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Who believes it?

It is belittling to the cause of God to let the word know that his followers are not capable of supporting his cause without going into business to do it. He says that he owns the silver and the gold and the cattle on a thousand hills. If his people have to go to trading or have to have something given back to them before they are willing to give up the Lord's money of which they are stewards, it belies his claim and their professed consecration.

This matter of eating one's self rich is really what the ice cream support of the church means. Usually the piety of a church that has to be supported by ice cream is as cold as the ice cream.—Christian Witness.

A man's respect is of greater value to us than his money. You may get money at the expense of lost respect, both your own and the other person's. For a man surely loses self-respect who is always pulling for the other fellow's pocket book. This is too sadly true of a preacher.