

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord ~~Jesus~~ Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing." Oh, my, my, these jangling sects of Protestantism. These jangling sects with one doctrine spoken here, and one doctrine spoken here, and ministers preaching sermons they write themselves, instead of taking something that is set down by the church, and reading it, and going through the forms established. "That ye speak the same thing...." That's not at all what he meant, is it? He is not asking us to repeat the same words. He is not asking us to go through the same forms. He is not asking us to agree on all the little matters on which intelligent, honest, sincere Christians may differ. He is not even asking, or insisting that we agree on the big matters on which we ought to be agreed if we will study our Scripture carefully. He wants us to do that, to study it carefully, and come to agreement. But He is not asking us to come to agreement without studying the Scripture, and seeing the things ourselves. That is not what he is talking about here. "That you speak the same thing..." he goes on and tells what he means. "...and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." He doesn't mean to take over what somebody else says2½.... He doesn't mean you accept any view you are not thoroughly convinced of. But he means that you have such an emphasis, and an understanding of the great doctrines of Christianity that you have such a realization of the spirit of love described in I Corinthians, 13, and particularly of love to all the brethren, that there is nothing in you that will rend apart the body of Christ, no attitude of you toward ~~another~~ another who is born again, that would rend you apart, and make a division between you greater than that which you have between you and the unbeliever, or anywhere near as great, that ye be perfectly joined together in the same ~~mind~~ mind and in the same judgment, "for it hath been declared unto ~~you~~ me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul..." Well, wasn't Paul happy when they said they were of Paul? Didn't he want them to follow him? He wanted them to take