



## The 63rd Regular Convention Bible Study 2

Study Theme: ***ONE Message—Christ!  
A Message of Unity to a Sectarian Culture***

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### Outline

#### Scripture Focus: 1 Corinthians 1

#### I. The Setting

- A. The City of Corinth
- B. Christianity in Corinth

#### II. The Letter

- A. Verses 1-9: Introduction and compliments.
- B. Verses 10-12: Exposing the problem.
- C. Verses 13-17: Sects are not what the Savior had in mind.
- D. Verses 18-25: Wisdom and folly, reversed in the divine dimension.  
The "scandal" of the cross.
- E. Verses 26-31: Applying the message to the Corinthians themselves

#### III. And This Convention?

#### IV. The Remedy