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(3) Wise Men Bickering

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What was the nature of these quarrels? 1:12, 3:5-9; Jn.34-35, 17:23

What was his challenge to those who 'followed Christ'? 1:13a, 6:17, 12:12-13; Rom.12:5

And what about to those who 'followed Paul'? 1:13b-17, 3:1-9

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How is that emphasized in 1:19?, 3:18-20; Is.29:13-14; Jer.8:8-9; Mt.13:10-15

What is the summary teaching of 1:20-21? Is.44:24-25; Rom.1:28-32

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But to believers, Jew & Gentile, what is the Gospel? 1:24-25; Rom.1:16, 11:33-36

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They were bickering, divided. He wants them united in mind and thought. Source ID'd!

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They were divided over who was the best preacher! Paul, Apollos, Peter, or Christ?

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Is Christ divided? They had a wrong heart motive! Christ's prayer is that we be one!

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Was I crucified for you? Baptized into Paul? I'm called to preach the Gospel not baptize...

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This is God's action. He destroys human wisdom and 'intelligence'. You can't reason it out

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In general, where are the 'wise' (as far as salvation)? They don't know Him. He chooses...

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It's the power/wisdom of God! IF God had weakness/foolishness, still > man's highest!
