

A group of hands of various skin tones are stacked together in a circle, symbolizing unity and teamwork. The hands are positioned in a way that they overlap, with fingers pointing towards the center. The background is dark, making the hands stand out.

# A Plea for Unity

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13*

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<sup>10</sup> Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. <sup>11</sup> For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. <sup>12</sup> 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." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

# “Now I Plead With You, Brethren”

- Contentions & divisions present at Corinth
- Various groups were following after men rather than acting on truth (*1 Cor. 4:6*)
- Reminded that Christ must be the focus & foundation of their service
- Paul pleads with them to have unity “by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”
- Word “plead” (*parakaleo*) means to “call near”
- Only a heart grieved by division can recognize the urgent need to call all together in Christ

**“That You All Speak  
the Same Thing...”**

# Unity of Speech Based on Truth

- Content of message must be true to Word
  - **1 Peter 4:11** “Speak as the oracles of God”
  - **Colossians 3:17** “Do all in name of the Lord”
  - **Ephesians 4:29** “Good for necessary edification”
  - **Titus 2:1** Things “proper for sound doctrine”
- True unity can only exist where the truth of God’s word is proclaimed by all members
- Demands both knowing it & teaching it

**“And That There Be No  
Divisions Among You...”**

# Schisms Harm & Must Be Healed

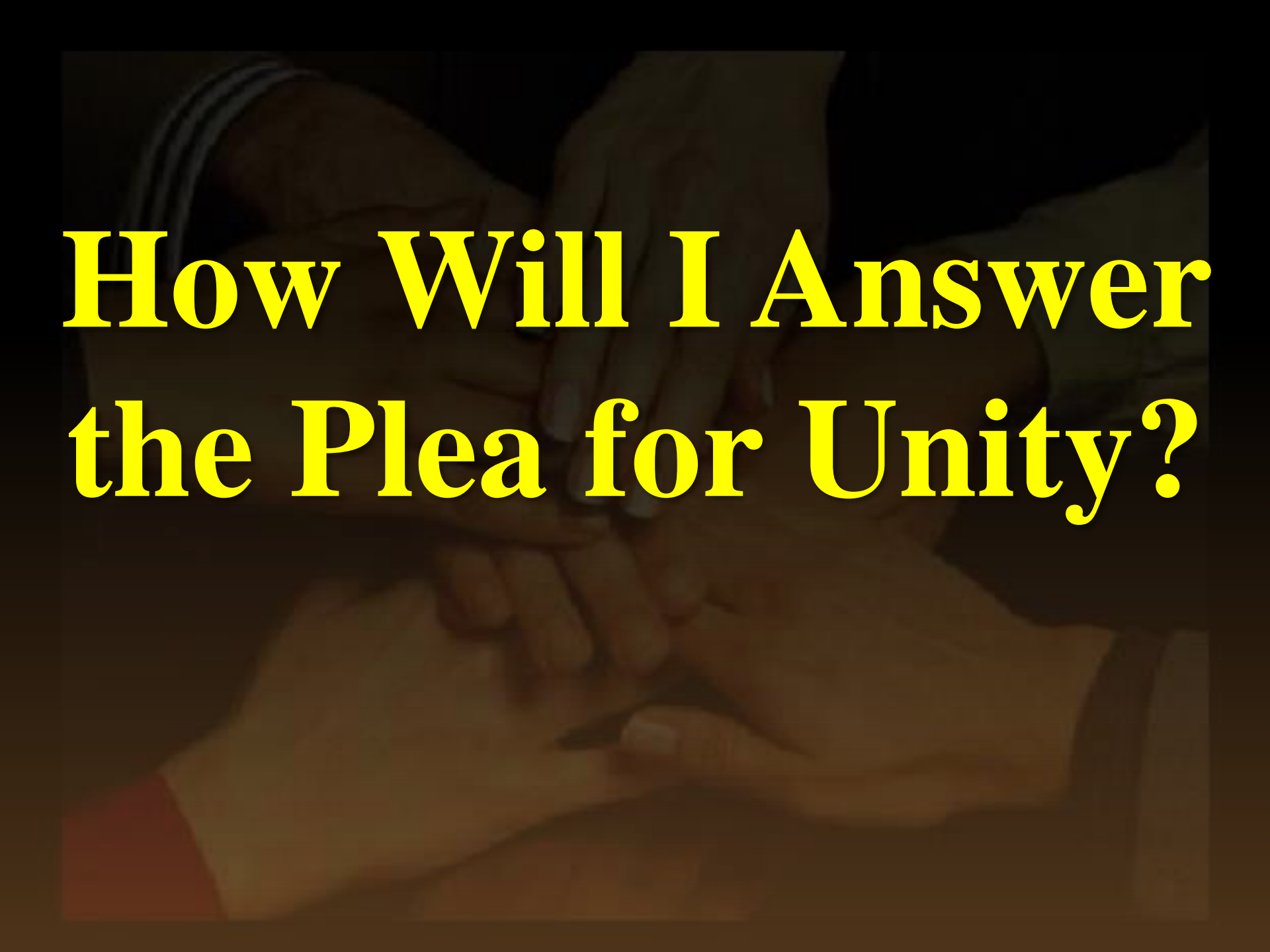
- Divisions present in Corinth caused souls involved to be in danger (**3:3**; **11:17-19**)
  - **Philippians 2:5-8** “Let this mind be in you”
  - **Ephesians 4:13-16** “All come to unity of faith”
  - **1 Peter 3:8-11** “Seek peace & pursue it”
- Cannot have brethren divided in sentiment & united in action
- Unity demands effort in thought & action

**“That You Be Perfectly  
Joined... in Same Mind  
& Same Judgment”**



# Joined in Same Mind & Judgment

- **Mind** (*nous*) - seat of reflective thought; faculties of understanding & perception
- **Judgment** (*gnome*) - understanding as the end product of the thought process; resolve
- United understanding achieved by process
  - ***Philippians 1:27*** Word directs spirit & life
  - ***Ephesians 4:1-6*** Unity directed by Spirit
  - ***2 Corinthians 13:11*** Same mind = live in peace
  - ***Colossians 2:1-7*** Process in application

A group of hands of various skin tones are clasped together in a circle, symbolizing unity and support. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with fingers interlaced. The background is dark, making the hands stand out. The text is overlaid on the image in a bright yellow color.

**How Will I Answer  
the Plea for Unity?**