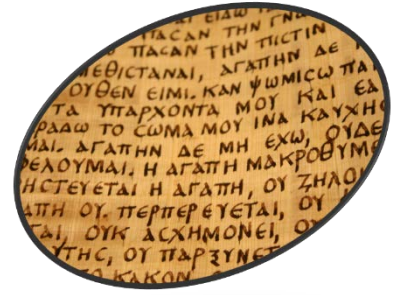


1 Corinthians – “Unity in Christ”

Lesson #3



I. The Strange Choices of God – Part 2

a. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

- b. “Lofty speech and wisdom” – can a person be incredibly charismatic, or an excellent speaker, and convey the Gospel better?
- c. Why should it concern us as Christians that people seek to attend churches that have “good” pastors, or great speakers, rather than attending the church that has right teaching and an average or below average speaker?
- d. Would you have, or would the average American have attended a church where Paul was the regular pastor?
- e. What does Acts 18:24 say about Apollos?
 - i. How did Paul measure up to Apollos?
 - 1. See Gal 4:13-14, 2Co 10:10

II. Let’s Talk about Wisdom: The Cross

a. Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-9

- b. What does Paul mean by “mature” (vs 6)?
- c. What is the secret and hidden wisdom of God Paul is talking about (vs 7)?
 - i. See Matthew 11:25
- d. The Lord of Glory was crucified (vs 8). Stop and consider the significance of this statement.
- e. Sometimes people use verse 9 as a picture of heaven, but is it talking about the present?

III. A Mystery Revealed by the Holy Spirit

a. Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

- b. Many people consider themselves spiritual, but what is Paul’s point in verses 10-16?
- c. What is the “spirit of the world” (vs 12)?
 - i. Give some examples of how this “spirit” tries to work in the Church today
- d. Who is the “Spirit who is from God” (vs 12) and when did we receive Him?
 - i. See Acts 2:38
- e. Who is a “natural person” (vs 14)?
 - i. See Romans 8:7

IV. Next time...

a. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-23