

"THE SOURCE FOR A UNIFYING BOND OF PEACE"

I Corinthians 2:1-16

I. INTRODUCTION: (See Eph. 4:3)

- A. Divisions - transitioning from a "church" to a "lodge": 1:10-17
 - 1. Contentions, clicks, and grumbling:
 - 2. The single source of all strife: (Pro. 13:10)
- B. Paul's "foolish" remedy:
 - 1. The "foolish" strategy: (I Cor. 1:18-31)
 - 2. The "foolish" solution: (I Cor. 2:2; 15:31b; Jn. 3:30)
- C. The indwelling Agent to reverse this destructive pattern: v. 12
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.

II. RECOGNIZING THE UNIFYING WORK OF THE "THIRD PERSON":

- A. Bringing **illumination** to the "lost": vv. 1-10, 14
 - 1.
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 - 5.
- B. Bringing **discernment** to the "found": vv. 10-13, 15-16
 - 1.
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 - 5.

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breath my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.

“Praise God For The Furnace”

“The hammer is a useful tool but the nail if it had a feeling and intelligence, could present another side of the story. For the nail knows the hammer only as an opponent, a brutal merciless enemy who lives to pound it into submission, to beat it down, out of sight, and clinch it into place. That is the nail’s only view of the hammer and it is accurate except for one thing. The nail forgets that both it and the hammer are servants of the same workman.

Let the nail remember that the hammer was held by the workman and all resentment toward it will disappear. The carpenter decides whose head will be beaten next and what hammer shall be used in the beating. This is the sovereign right of the carpenter. When the nail has surrendered to the will of the workman and has gotten a little glimpse of the wonderful plans for the future, it will yield to the hammer without complaint.” (*Ja. 1:2; Rom. 5:3-5*)

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