

## I CORINTHIANS | BAPTISM & THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL PT. 2 | LESSON 21 | 1 COR. 1:10-17

### (1) Intro / Review:

#### ① No divisions

- speak the same thing - the message
- perfectly joined together
  - same mind - the message in you
  - same judgment - the fruit of the message

### (2) Review:

- ① Contentions Among You
- ② Is Christ Divided?
- ③ Baptism & The Preaching of the Gospel

### (3) Sermons

[11] • The house of Chloe one of the churches at Corinth seeking to "restore" [that is perfectly joined together] where they are not

• Where they are not there is "contentions".

- Rom. 1:29 - "debate" - lust
- Rom. 13:13 - "strife" - works of darkness
- 1 Cor. 3:3, 2 Cor. 12:20, Gal. 5:20, 1 Tim. 6:4, Titus 3:9

• Such "contentions" stemmed from the basis of the wisdom of the world, human wisdom.

• The wisdom of the world

- ① Not only various philosophies
- ② But the fruit of the flesh

• Grasp for authority, superiority, answers

[12] Now this I say, that every one of you saith: "I am of Paul; and I of Apollos."  
• Now what is going on here?

- Some say Paul is bringing up different doctrines represented by Paul, Apollos, Cephas, & Christ
  - Apollos - JTB
  - Christ - Gospels
  - Cephas - Acts 2
  - Paul - Acts 9
- Some say the Corinthians are esteeming personalities
  - Yet, Paul is going to focus on the wisdom of the world, not 4 different doctrinal stances, nor will he bring up personalities.
    - In fact look at 1 Cor. 3:4-6
      - if Apollos has different doctrine can't water
      - What about Cephas? 1 Cor. 15:11 - "for they" (D,B,R)
  - Paul isn't going to go into detail about what each taught, but the wisdom of the world
    - Here's why this is important
      - Make 1 Cor. 1 a right division passage and all Paul is teaching is don't have divisions, that the wisdom of the world influence is just that it's producing divisions and not the focus on the ground of those divisions.
      - Remember, speaking the same thing combats the divisions, if Paul, Apollos, Cephas & Christ are speaking different things then that is a right division.
      - Here it is a wrong division → these men speak the same thing concerning the death, burial, & resurrection of Christ

- So what is happening?

• The Corinthians are Christians, but are still embracing the wisdom of the world

And living toward one another on those worldly principles striving for worldly gain that is dividing the church.

• Paul hearing from Chlc of the contentions is stating things in such a way to highlight their folly.

• Because these 4 "speak the same thing" it is a folly to say "I am of:"

• Thus Paul magnifies the two core issues:

① You're divided

② Because you are not pursuing Christ, but the wisdom

of the world.

• Acts 17:16-21

• Epicureans

• Stoicks

• In Corinth they have held to their human wisdom and were contentious about it. (Rom. 2:6-9)

• And to bring to their attention their folly Paul says, it is as if your saying each of us is divided when it comes Christ & His d,b,r

[:13] "Is Christ divided?"

• They are but Christ is not

• If Christ is divided His kingdom would not stand (Matt. 12:25-26, Mar. 3:24-26, Luke 11:17-18)

); "was Paul crucified for you?" - Rom. 5:15, 18-19

Rom. 6:1ff, HEB 2:4

• "or were ye baptized in the name of Paul"

• Baptism = a purification unto sanctification, that results in a new identification.

• crucified for you → means of purifying

• baptized in the name → result to identity

• The unity is in the name of Christ & His crucifixion

• 2 Cor. 5:14-16

• 1 Cor. 12:12-13

none of them are baptized  
in their own name, but  
the wisdom of the world  
does so

[:14] "I thank God that I baptized none of you"

• It is said that this is Paul saying others baptized for him.

• Paul did baptize

:14,16 - "Crispus, Gaius, house of Stephanas

• The issue is :17, Christ sent me not to baptize

[:15] "Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name."

• Paul doesn't want glory but have you follow glory

• 1 Cor. 4:16, 11:1

[:17] "For Christ sent me not to baptize"

• Water baptism

• John 1:31-33

• Kingdom of Priests - election

• Confessing sins - spiritual

• Christ High Priest

• God isn't establishing a kingdom of priests and even w/in IP water baptism is going to end.

• the spiritual education of water baptism is in the Cross

• Why did Paul then <sup>water</sup> baptize?

• Rom 11:11, 13-14

• provoke to jealousy - water baptism, spiritual gifts

• provoke to emulation - justified, save

[17] "but to preach the gospel"

! - different gospel

• Christ sent Paul to preach what  
Christ did in d, b, r.

! • Gospel of the kingdom had water baptism

• Corinthian's Christ didn't send me to be identified with me, nor did He give others to be identified with them so that Christ would be divided.

• Corinthian's Christ sent me to preach the gospel which is about one man's d, b, r

• The philosophers really baptize in own name with the wisdom of words, speech, rhetoric

• Those things actually make the cross of Christ of none effect  
are contrary to the cross → what is in effect by those wisdom of words  
DIVISIONS → CONTENTIONS.