

I CORINTHIANS | "OF GOD" | LESSON 28 | 1 Cor 1:17-31

① INTRO/REVIEW:

- Over the past few weeks we have focused our attention on the characteristics and features of the wisdom of the world
- The Corinthian infirmities (Rom. 8:26) resulted from a failed discernment of the wisdom of the world.
- This discernment, that is, to separate with the eye or with understanding, to distinguish between two things, & the discretion, that is, to judge critically of what is proper, correct, what is truth - are fruit of wisdom.
- The difficulty the Corinthians had wasn't that they didn't have the utterance and knowledge.

• THE PROBLEM WAS THEIR LOVE (Rom. 8:28)

• God's things were not "PLEASANT" to them (Pro. 2:10)

- Such indifference allows for the heart to have affection on that which the world offers measured by the standards of flesh

• "This looks good"

• "This sounds right"

• "This must be it"

• "The left, no the right, no the middle"

• "See how it benefits you"

• "Look at these results, surely God blessing is upon us"

• "You won't have to suffer"

- The wisdom of words - ideals, opinions, wisdoms that are generated by thoughts produced by flesh, earth, temporary are produced to soothe the conscience, give justification for one's pursuit of the flesh & its lusts.
(own pleasure, not God's)

- It is all want of sin and ungodliness governed by the flesh

• The world today is no different. We live in the last days of the dispensation of grace. Thus, we live in perilous times. (2)

• 2 Tim 3:1-5 → read list

• Such descript features are true of the world & the church.

① The world continues down its course of destruction

② The church has a ^{imposters} form of godliness

• Both are wax worse and worse deceiving, and being deceived

• The deceit has

① Seared the conscience → granting a substitute on which to excuse or excuse

② Attacked the family → granting modern alternatives of the family
↳ removing discipline almost altogether

③ Corrupted gov't → granting perverseness and crookedness to be the norm causing destruction, war, & misery.

④ Yet what concerns me is the ^{stand of the} church

• Man's deceit may infiltrated those other institutions, but the church has the direct & sole responsibility over the truth.

• W.M to be proclaimed or added to?

• God and His house is the pillar & ground of the truth

• w/o truth we cannot see

• w/o God's wisdom we cannot please Him

• w/o God's word we will be divided.

• Yea, we not only need to gather around truth, but also the judgments that are granted by truth.

• Such unity of not only ^{the} authority of God's Word, but the sufficiency of God's Word (given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness - 2 Pet. 1:3) comes only from a heart in which God's wisdom is welcomed and pleased to dwell there.

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Therefore we are to be narrow-minded as if God's wisdom was our spouse to have relationship with other wisdom is to commit spiritual adultery.

- We are to be heavenly-focused → our hearts affection on things above → do we know those things from the things of the earth?
- We are to be gospel-oriented → the preaching of the cross is the foundation to all we do and provides the blueprint of that which can be built upon it & last forever.
- We are always to be Christ first again → if He is preeminent to the Father in all things, then we must take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ
- We have examined all human wisdom will be destroyed and come to nought. We see that now, we read it of history, and prophesied for the future → all by the Cross.
 - Even those that have used God's Word as the premise of their wisdom, that is, God's Word then add to it → it's made of none effect
- Any form of human exceptionalism will bow the knee to our Christ, to heaven's glory → the world will do so in shame, may we do so in allegiance.
- No flesh should glory in His presence No flesh will glory in His presence
- Many wax bold now, all to be brought to nought and with no advocate in the day of judgment will see God justified to their chagrin & destruction

① REVIEW:

• We have seen our calling (:26), we have seen what God has chosen & why (:27-29) now to see Christ (:30-31)

① Let's see Christ by comparing Him to the flesh. (:29)

② Then, from God's perspective what God made Him unto us (:30)

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III SERMON:

① 1 Cor. 1:29 - "that no flesh should glory in His presence."

- Man with all our flesh seeks to be like the Most High
- Sin was transmitted from the father of the lie, Satan, thus inherently carries opposition to God in order to be like God.

• The Lord thy God is one, there is none like Him, nor any that can be likened unto Him.

• Rom. 11:33-36

• For flesh to glory in His presence would contradict God Himself

• Nonetheless, man will get their chance

• Appointed for man

• to die

• then the judgment

• Rom. 3:4 (Ps. 51:4)

• Rom. 5:2-14

• God has given ample evidence He is God & we are His creatures

• Any and all such, fleshily glorying will not enter His Kingdom

• Brief look at this evidence.

① Rom. 6:19 - "infirmity of your flesh"

④ Rom. 8:3 - "the law weak through the flesh"

② Rom. 7:18 - "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing"

③ Rom. 7:25 - "the flesh ^{sees} the law of sin"

⑤ Rom. 8:8 - "cannot please God"

⑥ 1 Cor. 5:5 - "the destruction of the flesh"

⑦ 1 Cor. 15:50 - "cannot inherit the kingdom of God"

⑧ Isa. 40:5 (1 Pet. 1:24) - "as grass"

⑨ Jn. 6:63 - "profiteth nothing"

⑩ Php. 3:3 - "no confidence"

⑪ Col. 2:23 - "cannot be satisfied"

⑫ 2 Cor. 7:1 - "filthiness"

⑬ Gal. 3:3 - "flesh perfects nothing"

In truth, no flesh should glory in His presence

- ① Luke 5:8
- ② Isa. 6:1-5

To see the wisdom of the world in the face of the wisdom of God is the same as knowing the flesh in His presence

• 2The. 1:3-10 (1:8-9)

② 1Cor. 1:30 - "But of Him are ye in Christ, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:"

• "But" - adverse (no flesh glory in His presence)

• A way to glory! A way to glory in His presence!

• Not be destroyed from His presence, but to be in His presence & glory

born of the flesh
wonderful & mad

• "of Him" ("who of God") - that which proceeds from

- regeneration (born of the Spirit)
- renewing
- redemption

- Rom. 3: 23-26, 30
- Rom. 4: 23-25
- Rom. 5: 1
- Rom. 8: 8, 31 (God is for us)
↳: 28-30
- Rom. 11: 33-36
- Rom. 5: 15-21

• "Are ye in Christ Jesus"

- Christ and all the grace in Christ are we of God.
- New Creature (2Cor. 5) • Operation (Col. 2)
- Baptism (Rom. 6) • Created (Eph. 2:10)

• What is all that grace in Christ?

• "who of God" - Christ of God (that which God has predestined Christ to be for us)

• "is made unto us" - one man → 2Cor. 5

• Heb 1:9-12, 14-18; Php 2:5-8, 9-11

dust to glory (2Cor. 8)
from glory to dust to glory

• that which was determined by counsel

(6)

• "wisdom" - that which is in Christ coming to earth, in His obedience unto death that worked glory → now taught by the Spirit

• "righteousness" - justification, 1 Cor. 6:11 (Rom. 3)

• "sanctification" - baptism, body, unto good works (1 The. 4:1ff) 2 Cor. 7:1

• "redemption" - resurrection, Rom. 8:23, Eph. 4:30 (1:14)

• Christ is all[†] in all → Col 3:11 for God to be all in all (1 Cor. 15:28)

• Christ our sufficiency → 2 Cor. 9:8-11

• enriched by in every thing

1 Cor. 1:31 - "That, according as it is written. He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord"

• Jer 9:23-24 (Jer 4:2), Ps 105:1-7 (1 Cor. 1:46)

• 2 Cor. 10:17

• Gal. 6:13-14

• Php. 3:3

• True of the nations in the time to come

• True of us as will come from the nations.