

Topical | 48 | Christ Made of God | I Cor. 1:20-31

I. Intro:

- The course of this world and man grappling for answers
- The course of this world and man trusting in themselves
- The course of this world and man's ignorance being tossed to and fro
- The course of this world and man attempting to discover their heart

- My concern is for us, for believers at large that we are not being "conformed to this world"
 - We think not like it
 - We act not like it
 - We spend not our time like it

- This year is an election year and with all the chaos in the world I want us to be on guard
 - We don't have a spirit of fear
 - We are not sucked up into the spirit of the world with its anxiety (which we make decisions)
 - But rather that we would continue to be transformed by the renewing of our mind to,
 1. Not have false hopes as it concerns this world
 2. To look for a better and more enduring world
 3. Have peace and be contented in the face of this world, and
 4. Continue to worship and serve God, not the world, in all facets of life (decisions)

- The Nature of the World
 - Eph. 2 - "the course of this world"
 - Gal. 1:4 - "present evil world"
 - Eph. 5:16 - "...because the days are evil"
 - Eph. 6:13 - "...in the evil day"

- The Activity of the World
 1. Seeks to Conform - Rom. 12:1-2 - "be not conformed to this world"

 2. Conform you by its' spirit - 1 Cor. 2:12 - "...the spirit of the world" (Eph. 2 - "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience")
 - Eph. 6:12 - "rulers of the darkness of this world"
 - Rom. 13 - "works of darkness"

 3. With its' lusts - Tit. 2:12 - "worldly lusts"
 - Sensual
 - Temporary
 - Earthy

 4. "god of this world" - 2 Cor. 4:4

- Believers unknowingly are laboring with the world instead of being in the world, but not overcome by it
 - 1 John 5:5 - "Who is He that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is

the Son of God?

- John 16:33 - "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."
- 1 John 5:4 - "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

II. Preview:

1. Of Him are ye in Christ Jesus
2. Who of God is Made unto Us
 1. Wisdom
 2. Righteousness
 3. Sanctification
 4. Redemption
3. Glory in the Lord

III. Sermon:

**But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
{1 Corinthians 1:30}**

1. "Of Him are ye in Christ Jesus"

- No flesh should glory in His presence - therefore, salvation made of Him
 - Christ stands here in contrast to the flesh

2. "Who of God is Made unto Us"

- "who" - Christ
 - Christ is made of God unto us
- "is made unto us" - to become, be made (when He took on flesh)
 - His death, burial, resurrection

1. **Wisdom (and prudence)**

1. Pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe (1 Cor. 1:21)
 - Remember - Rom. 1:20-26; Eph. 4:17-19
2. God hath chosen (1 Cor. 1:27)
 - 1) "the foolish things of the world to confound the wise" (v27)
 - 2) "the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;" (v27)
 - 3) "the base, despised, things that are not to bring to nought things that are:" (v28)
 - **Purpose** - "that no flesh should glory in His presence." (v29)

- Not Many Are Called
 - The Things That Are
 1. **Wise men** - his wisdom that he glories in
 2. **Mighty** - his strength that he glories in
 3. **Noble** - his ascension and reputation he glories in
 - The wise, mighty, and noble cannot bring forth that which God has deemed necessary and beneficial for man; that is, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.
 - The wise man cannot produce righteousness
 - The mighty man cannot produce sanctification
 - The noble man cannot produce redemption and glory
- Wisdom
 - Ps. 50:12 - "...thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself:"
- Noble
 - Pro. 18:2 - "A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself."
- Mighty
 - Ps. 20:7 - "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the LORD our God."
- Wisdom, Noble, Mighty
 - Ps. 39:6 - "Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them."
 - Ps. 49:6 - "They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;"
 - Ps. 52:7 - "Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness."
- 3. God ordained before the world unto our glory - in a mystery, even the hidden (1 Cor. 2:7)
 - God's Wisdom in Christ
 - The things that God knows you need to be in His presence He has provided
 - What is the wisdom of the world that perishes to that of the only wise God?
 - What is the mightiness of the world that cannot cause your knees to stand righteous before God?
 - What is the nobility of the world that cannot cause a reputation to that with the divine?

2. Righteousness

1. God is righteous
 - Ps. 7:17 - "I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness..."
2. God proven righteous
 - Rom. 3:25-26
3. God will be justified in the future
 - Rom. 3:4 - "God forbid: yea, let God be true, but ever man a liar; as it is written, "that thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."
4. His kingdom is a sceptre of righteousness
 - Heb. 1:8 - "But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, o God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."
5. The righteousness of God revealed in the gospel
 - Rom. 1:17
6. Jesus Christ rose from the dead for our justification
 - Rom. 4:23-5:1

3. Sanctification

1. God is holy, holy, holy
 - Isa. 6
2. We were alive to sin and dead to God - now dead to sin and alive unto God
 - Baptized
 - Circumcision

 - In Christ - Family of God
3. His promises are the means to perfect holiness
 - 2 Cor. 7:1

4. Redemption

1. The resurrection of Jesus Christ
2. The day of redemption - Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30
3. Redemption of our bodies - Rom. 8
4. Consummation of His full salvation
 1. Wages of our sin (sin's penalty - forgiveness and Christ's righteousness)
 2. Power of sin (sin's strength - baptized into Christ)
 3. Presence of sin (sin's dwelling place - redemption of our body)

IV. Conclusion:

- All the worldly bliss cannot provide you this before God - for God made Christ these things unto us.
- All the worldly power and authority cannot overcome God
- All the worldly riches and prosperity cannot buy such spiritual necessities

- The carnal cannot purchase the spiritual or make carnal spiritual unto us
- Yet, God made Christ to be these things unto us being God and man in one
- The world is still presently evil, such are its days we live till the day of the Lord when He reconstitutes and refreshes all things.
- We are complete in Christ - let us not forsake that which we possess in Christ, but rather by knowing Christ be strengthened in our inner man to not trust in ourselves, the world but more and more in Christ in the midst of turmoil and unto death.

3. Glory in the Lord

- Rejoice and joy
- Thanksgiving and praise
- Comfort, peace, and contentment