

L114 | I Corinthians | Carried Away unto Dumb Idols

I. Intro/Review:

- Paul continues to address various problems at Corinth.
- Now "spiritual gifts" and doesn't want them to have ignorance
 - Hosea 4:6 - "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

II. Preview:

- Dumb Idols
- Carried Away as Ye Were Led

III. Sermon:

Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
{1 Corinthians 12:2}

- "Ye know that ye were Gentiles"
 - Ignorance #1 - they have forgotten who they were as Gentiles
 - 1 Pet. 4:3-4 - "For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:"
 - 1 The. 4:5 - "Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:"
 - Eph. 4:17-19 - "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,"
 - Galatians 4:8 - "Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods."
- "carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led."
 - "dumb idols" - idolatry
 - "dumb" - adjective describing the idols
 - Mute; silent; not speaking
 - Acts 8:32 - "...He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb **dumb** before His shearer, so opened He not His mouth:"

- 1 Cor. 14:10 - "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is **without signification.**"
- 2 Pet. 2:16 - 'But was rebuked for his iniquity: the **dumb** ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet."
- In the beginning was the Word
 - Wisdom - Pro. 8:12, 22-30
 - Knowledge - Php. 3:8
 - Understanding - Col. 1:9-10
- 2 Tim. 1:13 - "Hold fast the form of **sound words**, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."
- Titus 2:8 - "**Sound speech**, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you."
- 1 Tim. 1:10; 2 Tim. 4:3; Tit. 1:9, 2:1 - "...**sound doctrine**"
- The Word frames the words of God to know and understand the word of God that you may doers of the word in truth.
- Sound words frame sound knowledge and understanding which makes up sound doctrine to have a sound mind and be sound in the faith.
- Idols dumbness, those that make them, those that trust them - Ps. 115:1-8
 - Speak not
 - See not
 - Hear not
 - Smell not
 - Handle not
 - Walk not
- "they that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them." (Ps. 115:8)
- Isa. 44:18-20 - "They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say..."
- "**carried away, even as ye were led**" (16x) - to be led away - esp. led off to trial, prison, or punishment
 - Mat. 7:13 - "that **leadeth** to destruction"
 - Mat. 26:57 - "And they that had laid hold on Jesus **led him away**"
 - Acts 12:19 - "Herod...examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be **put to death.**"
 - Acts 24:7 - "But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence

took him away"

- Rom. 1 - God gave them up, gave them up, gave them over | worthy of death
 - Rom. 9 - fitted to destruction
 - Acts 14:15 - vain passions (own ways)
- "led" - to lead
 - Led by dumbness (speaking, thinking, and understanding)
 - Baseless, useless, purposeless, careless activity
 - Trances, ecstasies, emotional frenzies, under the influence of "dumb"
 - So erratic that they cannot distinguish v3

**Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
{1 Corinthians 12:3}**

- **"Wherefore I give you to understand"** - to address their ignorance
- Ignorance #2 - Do not presume all manifestations are manifestations of the Spirit
 - **"that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed:"**
 - Those that are not "dumb"
 1. Mute, unable to speak
 2. Speaking without understanding
 3. Speaking without purpose
 - **"profane and vain babblings"**
 - "profane" - common, natural, public
 - "vain" - useless
 - 1 Tim. 6:20 - "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:"
 - 2 Tim. 2:16 - "But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness."
 - Here we have one "speaking" not "dumb" that is mute, but rather speaking something that is profane and vain, without understanding and purpose.
 - The manifestation of the Spirit wouldn't speak error
 - Apostle, Prophet, Teachers, word of wisdom, work of knowledge, faith, prophecy
 - John 14:26; 15:26 - the Spirit testifies of Jesus Christ
 - Rom. 8:9 - the Spirit of God is identified also as the Spirit of Christ
 - 2 Cor. 3:17 - "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

- Christ became a curse for us, but wasn't accursed nor isn't accursed (focus on "Jesus")
 - Gal. 3:13 - "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."
- Old Testament principle with the prophet
 - Deut. 18:22 - if spoken something and it doesn't come to pass
 - Deut. 13:1-10 - dream or prophecy comes to pass, but says follow after other gods (idolatry)
- The church needs to examine not solely the manifestation, but even when there is manifestation what is their doctrine - especially around the Lord Jesus Christ (He is the image of the invisible God)
 - 1 Cor. 8:6; 2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:1-3
- **"and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."**
 - Isn't simply verbal recognition, but an understanding
 - He is Lord (2 Cor. 5:16)
 - Rom. 1:3, 4:24, 12:11 (serving)
 - Rom. 14:7-12
 - Eph. 4:5, 17, 5:8, 10, 17; Col. 3:20, 24
 - Php. 2 - Jesus Christ our Lord!
 - 1 Tim. 6:15
 - 2 Tim. 4:8
 - Col. 1:15-19
- This is what the Holy Ghost testifies to that Jesus Christ is Lord, how He is Lord, the implications of Him being Lord, and the vastness of that which He is Lord over.
 - 2 Cor. 11:4 - "another Jesus"
 - 2 Cor. 5:16 - "Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more."

IV. Conclusion:

- 1 Corinthians 16:22 - "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha."