

# I CORINTHIANS / "THINGS SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED" / LESSON 38 / 1 Cor. 2:6-16

## I) INTRO/REVIEW:

① "ordained before the world unto our glory" (:7)

② "prepared" (:9)

③ "revealed" (:10)

④ "deep things" (:10)

⑤ "things of God" (:11)

⑥ "freely given to us" (:12)

• Paul speaks things that he teaches

• "comparing spiritual things w/ spiritual"

• spirit world/man compared to spirit of God

## II) PREVIEW:

① The Comparison of the Natural Man & Spiritual

② Things Spiritually Discerned

## III) SERMON:

[14] - "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned"

• "But the natural man"

① Does not have the Spirit - (Rom. 8:5, 8:9)

② Is not revealed to them - (:10)

③ "foolishness unto him"

• attitude, viewpoint of the spiritual

• many think they are so close, but until you believe you're so far away

• Rom. 1:22 - "professing themselves to be wise"

• why? how?

• what they have erected & established

• :9 - what they see

what they hear

what their heart says

} empiricism

- rationalism

} flesh

} but has spiritual attached to them

• Example:

↳ man by their wisdom think problem is external and the

solution comes from w/in

↳ the gospel says, the problem is within and the solution is from without.

- How many Christians divert to the natural
  - Focused on the external problems, by fleshly means
- It isn't that there aren't external problems, <sup>but</sup> none of which have internal or fleshly solutions

• Example

- ① External problem + Internal Solution = Vanity = Environment + Self-Love
- ② External problem + External Solution = Vanity = Environment + Gov't
- ③ Internal problem + Internal Solution = Vanity = Sin + Self-Love
- ④ Internal problem + External Solution = Glory = Sin + Christ  
↳ not fleshly

• "neither can he know them"

- cannot offer that which they know not
  - "foolishness" - because of their own "spiritual"
- they can not know them

• "because they are spiritually discerned"

- "discerned" - examined, searched, judged
  - to separate with the eye
  - to see the difference

JOHN 3:1-13  
JOHN 9:1ff

• 2 Cor 4 = god of this world (blind)

• "foolishness" - view, outlook attitude

• "cannot know them" - don't receive, but don't believe because not naturally discerned - spiritually discerned

• when you think "foolish" of God & His thing: you will not be able to discern them

[1:15] - "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man."

• "but" - contrast

• "he that is spiritual" - ① has Spirit ② minds the things of Spirit (Rom. 8:5ff)

- "judgeth all things"
  - discerns all things
  - the natural man cannot judge to any real value (1 Cor. 15: 57-58)
- "yet he himself is judged of no man"
  - how can man judge you w/o the Spirit & the spirit
  - God is judge > Rom. 14
    - not just future } Lord, Master
    - now