

1 CORINTHIANS | "INTRODUCTION TO 1ST CORINTHIANS" | LESSON 1 | 1 Cor. 1:1-3

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① INTRO:

① Corinthians is about subtility, expediency, edification perfection individually & in fellowship

② Corinthians is about confirming Romans doctrine through failure.

③ Corinthians are the representatives of the majority of the church today, especially the church in America.

Ⓐ Many churches would reject this notion, but it proves this point further, for the Corinthians rejected their own Corinthianism before it was known as such.

Ⓑ The Corinthians were blinded by pride that was fed by their love & esteem for the wisdom of the world.

Ⓒ 1 Cor. 3:18, "let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise." → yet, Paul later says,

1 Cor. 6:5, "... Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? ..."

④ Corinthians is about Paul reprovng & correcting, thus destroying & casting down that which is contrary to the doctrine they had received & learned leaving the instruction in right. which is after Christ — all provided by the Spirit.

II PREVIEW:

- ① Edificational Background
- ② Historical Background
- ③ Corinthian Beginnings
- ④ 1st Corinthians Outline

III SERMON:

① Edificational Background

(A) Godly Edification

① Godliness

- describes the kind and proper edification
- describes the content of edification

(a) Hardware | Gen. 1:26 | "image, after our likeness"

• 1 The 5:23 | "whole spirit and soul and body"

① "spirit" - where you communicate with God
• "mind"

② "soul" - you, seat of your affections
• "heart"

③ "body" - the vehicle to transport and do the spiritual

(b) Software | 1 The. 2:13 | ". . . the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

• Php. 2:13 | "For it is God which worketh in you both to will [inner] and to do [inner to outer].."

② Ungodliness

• describes the state one being ungodly
• Hardware: "spirit" = dead (Eph. 2:1)

• describes the the spirit the soul communicates with
• Software: not the spirit of God

- "reproof" (a) Thinking - Rom. 1:21, "vain imaginations"
- "correction" (b) Living - Rom. 1:21, "foolish heart was darkened"
Rom. 1:26, "vile affections"
- "inst in Rt" (c) Labor - Rom. 1:28, "reprobate mind"
Rom. 1:28, "to do those things which are not convenient"
"filled with all unrighteousness"

- (a) Dead to sin - Rom. 6
- (b) Alive to God - Rom. 6
- (c) Spirit of adoption - Rom. 8
 - "things of the Spirit" - Rom. 8:5, 25
 - "renewing of your mind" - Rom. 12:2
 - "will of God" - thinking, living, laboring

③ Edification

- (a) Purpose, order, and design of godliness
 - Building (Foundation, Structure, Capstone)
 - "line upon line, precept upon precept"

• Illustrations:

- (a) Building - foundation, built up
- (b) Husbandry - planted, rooted, grounded, watered, fruit
- (c) Exercise - stand, walk, run
- (d) Growth - babes, spiritual (perfect)
- (e) Measurements - some, all, abound, increase

Two areas of growth { ① limited by what you know (limited by "visions and revelations")
② limited by what you do with what you know

- (b) PROVERBS ("things written aforetime written for our learning")
 - Israel's spiritual things
 - format of their edification as sons and daughters

- Pro. 1:2 - "to know wisdom and instruction" / Rom. 8:15
- Pro. 1:2 - "to perceive the words of understanding." / Rom. 8:16-39
- Pro. 1:3 - "to receive the instruction" / Rom. 12:2
 - "of wisdom" / Rom. 12:3-16
 - "justice" / Rom. 12:17-13:7
 - "and judgment" / Rom. 13:8-14
 - "and equity" / Rom. 14:1-15:7
- Pro. 1:4 - "to give subtilty to the simple" / Rom. 16:18
- Subtilty

↳ possess sharp or acute or very wise / clever thinking that provides one w/ the ability to plan, or purpose, or plot in order to achieve some end, as well as to understand and work out the complexities of the activities it has taken, or takes, to work out and succeed with the plan and purpose.

- ① individually - works
- ② contrary - evil against
- ③ God's plan - God's work

- "subtilty" comes by:
 - ① doctrine which you learned / Rom. 16:17
 - ② proving the doctrine / Rom. 12:2, Pro. 2:10-11, Heb. 5:12-14
 - ③ examples / 1 Cor. - Gal.
 - ④ Eph. 1-3 (God's subtilty)