

The Center of the Christian Message

An Exposition of 1 Corinthians 1-2 (Part 22)

The Nature of the Christian Message (Part 8)

- I. The Character of Our Message (2:6-9)
- II. The Revelation of Our Message (2:10-13)
- III. The Comprehension of Our Message (2:14-16)
 - A. The Natural Man: Rejects Our Message (2:14)
 - B. The Spiritual Man: Accepts the Our Message (2:15-16)
 - 1. The Fact of His Acceptance (2:15)
 - a. The Believer is Spiritual (2:15a)
 - Illumination is that work of the Holy Spirit whereby He unfolds both the meaning and application of the Word of God to the believer (1 Cor. 2:1-16; 1 Jn. 2:18-27), enabling him to understand without cloud or mystery and with full and absolute assurance, the spiritual message of God in the spiritual words of God that have been recorded in the Bible (1 Cor. 2:13-16; 3:1-3; Heb. 5:11-14; 2 Cor 4:1-6; Col. 2:1-2).
 - b. The Believer is Incomprehensible (2:15b)
 - 2. The Reason for His Acceptance (2:16)

God's Answer to Disunity – the Gospel

- I. The Gospel Revealed in the Design of God (1:18-25)
- II. The Gospel Revealed in the Composition of the Church (1:26-31)
- III. The Gospel Revealed in the Ministry of the Apostle Paul (2:1-5)

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