

## When you come together

### **Intro:**

Isaiah 9:1-7

Frustration about elections, covid, censorship, lockdowns, division and the petty tyranny of petty people...Christmas seems almost like an irrelevancy an interruption but it is not an interruption it is the answer...

Oh come let us adore Him  
Oh come let us tell His story not our own  
Oh come let us shine with His glory not our own

### **Problem:**

2 Tim 3:1-9

Christmas should make the discordant note of false Christianity obvious their folly plain to all...

2 Tim 3:10-4:2

Who do not know the Word

2 Tim 4:3-4

This is what a Spirit-filled church does not look like - what does one look like...

### **Main Idea:**

You will know them by their pursuit  
You will know them by their fruit  
You will know them by their dispute

### **Implication:**

If He is to be preeminent in everything how much more should He be preeminent in the church

### **Application:**

We are here to tell one story  
to bring One glory  
And it is not you

### **Articles for further study:**

<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2019/07/orderly-worship-as-a-witness-to-the-world/>

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/90-52/does-experience-determine-truth>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/women-pastors.html>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/cessationist/>

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Text:

### You will know them by their pursuit

1Corinthians 14:26 ¶ **What then, brothers?** When you come together, **each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.**

*1 cor 12:7; 14:1-12 (Paul is showing them what a Spirit-filled church looks like*

*(you will know them by their pursuit - built up)*

*eph 4:9-16 (A Spirit filled church without a Spirit-filled pursuit of maturity is not a Spirit-filled church)*

*Titus 1:5-11 (why would anyone minimize progressive revelation - you will know them by their pursuit)*

*Jn 3:25-4:3 (Jesus knew that the goal was not our self expression but a broader story arc...)*

*jn 4:20-24 (our goal is not mere sincerity without truth - that is ignorance on fire at best)*

*1 Tim 3:14-16 (we are here to tell one story...and it is not yours)*

### You will know them by their fruit

1Corinthians 14:27 If any **speak** in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret.

1Corinthians 14:28 But if there is no one to interpret, **let each of them keep silent** in church and **speak** to himself and to God.

1Corinthians 14:29 Let two or three prophets **speak**, and let the others weigh what is said.

1Corinthians 14:30 If a revelation is made to another sitting there, **let the first be silent.**

1Corinthians 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one, **so that all may learn and all be encouraged,**

1Corinthians 14:32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets.

1Corinthians 14:33a **For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.**

*matt 7:15-20 (you will know them by their fruit)*

*matt 23:5-12 (they loved their own glory recognition - titles)*

*James 1:19; 3:1-18 (their problem was not sincerity but selfishness- presumptive speaking for the Lord, disorder...)*

*gal 5:19-26 (a Spirit-filled church without Spirit-filled fruit of self control is not a Spirit filled church)*

*rom 15:1-6 (we are here to tell one story, with one voice...to bring One glory)*

### You will know them by their dispute

1 Corinthians 14:33b As in all the churches of the saints,

1Corinthians 14:34 **the women should keep silent** in the churches. For they are not permitted to **speak**, but should be in submission, as the Law also says.

1Corinthians 14:35 If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home.

**For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.**

1Corinthians 14:36 ¶ Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached?

1Corinthians 14:37 If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things **I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.**

1Corinthians 14:38 **If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.**

1Corinthians 14:39 So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

1Corinthians 14:40 **But all things should be done decently and in order.**

*1 Tim 2:8-15 (what is cultural/universal? - you will know them, by their dispute - Word or culture)*

*Jude 3, 17-20 (a Spirit filled church with no Spirit-filled dispute of what is false is not a Spirit-filled church)*

*rev 2:1-7 (you will know them by their pursuit (1-4), by their fruit (5), and by their dispute (6-7)*

*col 1:15-20 (implication/application)*

## Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED  
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
  - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
  - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
  - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
  - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED  
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

### Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

### Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
  - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
  - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?
  
- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
  - How does this message change or impact your:
    - Prayer Life?
    - Evangelism?
    - Bible Reading?
    - Christian Relationships?
    - Non-Christian relationships?
    - Parenting?
    - Role as a Husband/Wife?
    - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**