

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:6-15
Topic: Wisdom Conflicts
Study: First Corinthians
Week 2 of 2
Series 6

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A Clash of World Views

When the Church is like the World

i. INTRODUCTION

I. Righteousness [point of reference]

II. Self Control [a point of relevance]

III. Judgments to come [a point of disturbance]

IV. CONCLUSION

Text for today:

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. NKJV

Other scripture references: 1 John 5:19-20, 2 Cor. 4:4, Acts 24:22-27, John 16:8, 2 Tim 1:7, The context of why he came is in Acts 18:1-11, Rom 1:16-18; 2:1-6; 5:8-11

TAKING THE NEXT STEP.....

- 1) Write out and memorize 1 Cor 2:14

- 2) Seeing what's there. Read through 1 Cor. 2:6-16 a few times this week. Ask God to reveal Himself to you through these passages. What does 1 Cor 1:14 mean to you?

1 Cor 2:10 tells us that God has revealed spiritual truth and wisdom to us through the person of the Holy Spirit. What are some "sources of wisdom" in our society that vie for your attention?

Do you find yourself seeking wisdom from the world first; and to what extent has the Bible taken a less prominent role in your life lately?

- 3) Statistically, it appears there is little difference between Christians and non-Christians; would you agree with this statement when it comes to your Christian witness? Think about areas in your life where you have the tendency to compromise; take this to the Lord in prayer and ask Him to help you make meaningful changes.

- 4) What difference does/should Christ make in the life of a believer? Write out your argument.

- 5) Read Acts 24:22-27 the apostle Paul made a strong defense before Felix, but he never rationalized by bribing his way out of it. Even though Paul knew Felix would not turn to the truth, he still maintained his composure and integrity. Think about a time when you really let down your guard and compromised your integrity. What was the result and have you ever regained respect?

- 6) We are called us to be "Christ-like." Can you see how as a believer you are in a battle of World Views? The Battle is to get you to compromise your biblical morals so that others can reject the message of the cross.