

1 Corinthians: True Freedom is Peace in Christ

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Freedom to be. . . (nothing?)

(From last week ch. 1.26-31) In church what is Christ? What are the People?

What Good's a Preacher....?

I. What good's the Preacher (Ch. 2.1-4)

II. When preaching is refined it's fine (Ch. 2.5-16)

- A. Must be refined of man's feeble wisdom (6-9)
 - 1. Cannot solve THE mystery.
 - 2. It's limit deprives it of God and leads to sin (8)
 - 3. Puts to death God's love (nature of sin) and is the foil to reveal God's love to faith.
- B. IT MUST REVEAL - BE REVELATORY = SPIRIT = CHRIST CENTERED SCRIPTURE.

III. Blessing or Curse in the Church Depends On Preaching (Ch. 3).

- A. The apostle proclaims; believers are still carnal and shows why (believers, nothing but sinners - vs. 1-4 -).
- B. Preachers: God's chosen instrument to build his kingdom.
 - 1. They do something, but do nothing to make the kingdom grow. God does (7)
 - 2. God's co-workers; people are the field (9)
 - 3. Built upon the foundation (Christ) (10-15)
 - A. Where is this foundation now? What's NOT?
 - B. How are people built upon this foundation with precious/ignoble materials?
 - C. What's the testing? Passing the test? Purgatory?
 - D. Who escapes as through fire? Why has he no reward?
 - 4. Heretics are yet another thing (16-17). God will hold preachers responsible for what they preach.
- C. Preachers are nothing but given and giving everything.
 - 1. Self wise pastors are trapped in their own wisdom, justice for limiting God's wisdom (18-20).
 - 2. Pastors give Christians nothing. Having been given Christ through is Word all things are yours (21-22)

Two weeks from today.... please read 1 Corinthians 4. Next week be a crusader.