

## **Are You Spiritually Mature?**

I Corinthians 2:6- 3:9

### Review

- I. The Creation of Division in the Church is Caused by Misunderstanding the Message and Messenger of God 1:10-17
  - A. Paul's Exhortation for Unity in the Church :10-11
    1. The Request :10
    2. The Reason :11
  
  - B. Paul's Explanation of Disunity in the Church :12-13
    1. Paul Explains the Truth :12
    2. Paul Exposes the Error :13
  
  - C. Paul's Exhortation to Unity in the Church :14-17
  
- II. The Cure for Division in the Church is Understanding the Message and the message of God 1:18-4:5
  - A. The Message of Christ Crucified Opposes the Wisdom and Unbelief of the World and is the Power and Wisdom for the Believer 1:18-25
  
  - B. The Message of Christ Crucified in the Corinthians Church Experience Demonstrated the Power of God 1:26-31
  
  - C. The Message of Christ Crucified in Paul's Preaching Demonstrates the Power of God in Contrast to the Wisdom of the World 2:1-5
  
  - D. The Message of Christ Crucified Reveals the True Wisdom of God 2:6-3:4
    1. The True Wisdom of God Originates and Culminates in God and is Hidden from the World 2:6-9
      - a. Wisdom of the world is mystical, magical and of men :6
  
      - b. Rulers of the age :6
        1. Demonic forces
  
        2. Political rulers
  
        3. Mystery religions
  
        4. Dual or multi layered meaning
  
      - c. Gods plan or wisdom was "predetermined" :7

- d. The rulers of this age did not understand the eternal plan of God otherwise, they would not have killed Christ :8-9
  
2. The True Wisdom of God is Revealed by the Spirit of God to those who Possess the Spirit 2:10-13
  - a. All Christians have the Spirit  
I Cor. 12:13, 6:19 Temple of the HS (2 Cor 6:16)  
Rom 8:9
  
  - b. Not all Christians are full of or controlled by Spirit  
Eph 5:18  
Gal 5:16  
Rom 8:12-13
  
  - c. The Holy Spirit illuminates the Word of God to the mind of man  
John 14:17, 16:13  
I John 2:27, Eph 1:18 Enlightened
  
3. The True Wisdom of God is Fully Grasped Only By the Spiritually Mature 2:14-3:9
  - a. The Natural Man is Incapable in Matters of the Spirit 2:14
  
  - b. The Spiritual Man is Intelligent in Matters of the Spirit 2:15-16
  
  - c. The Carnal Man is Immature in Matters of the Spirit 3:1-9
    1. Carnal Christians are Stunted in Spiritual Growth in God :1-4  
I Cor. 11:30  
Heb 5:11-14
  
    2. Carnal Christians are Stupid Concerning the Wisdom of God :5-9

#### Life Question

We live in a *tinseled sham of a temporal world that deludes the eye and beguiles the heart*. It is all too easy to get our focus on the style of the speaker and miss the substance of the Savior.

Where is your eye?