

The book of 1 Corinthians

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Chapter 1

1Cor. 1:1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 1:2 to the assembly of God which is at Corinth; those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both theirs and ours:

The apostle Paul like many of the prophets before him was called by God as an apostle to Jesus Christ, and not by the will of man, but why? In today's world thousands of years removed from the apostle Paul's time we have men and woman called to a ministry through some religious organization approving their application to speak God's word to others, moreover, we find schools, schools set up to train people to become ministers to a congregation. Forevermore, colleges set up to honor ones with prestigious degrees as religious leaders, but not so with Paul, why?

God does not share His glory with mankind, which has been often misunderstood by religious folks. Yahweh, created mankind, He alone is the creator of the new creation that Paul was also a part of, that is, the body of Christ Jesus, nothing forming the new creation is made with human hands. It is God's own hands that builds the spiritual temple cutting each stone therein, perfecting the faith of every person He places in the invisible structure for His own good pleasure and glory.

John 6:63 It is the spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and are life.

Yes, Paul was a part of the living temple of God, where the Holy Spirit of God dwells for mankind today, and tomorrow, and for always into eternity. Here in this glorious temple of the living God - no sin from mankind exist, nor are sinful hands of corruption found constructing what only the Holy Spirit can accomplish.

So Paul was not trained and qualified by a so called college, or appointed by the other apostles, no! God appointed him, trained him, and disciplined Paul, where he would know that he better speak truth, and not cave, or crave the glory and approval of man. Thus, denying the Christ by giving glory too position that he himself received from God, and no person on earth.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

1Cor. 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many Christian professing Jesus Christ never find peace of God because they have not understood or received the grace of God, what is the grace of God? It is unmerited kindness, or putting it another way, it is undeserved kindness, a gift that cannot be earned by our own merit through good works. When Christian's find themselves defending personal good works, that is, how good of a person they are for accepting Jesus Christ they lose God Holy Spirit which brings them peace, but why?

Romans 3:20 Because by the works of the law, no flesh will be justified in his sight. For through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

Simply put, it is not about us it is about Christ Jesus who's life we have become a part of, what does this mean? It means that the good works done through a Christian are actually Christ Jesus good works because of his righteousness, and not our own. We have no personal righteousness, we do have Christ Jesus righteousness given us as a gift of undeserved kindness. Nothing we can do will earn us Christ Jesus righteousness, it is a gift of God's love which gives us peace, but how does it give us peace?

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies.

Christ Jesus righteousness replaced, or completed the righteousness of the Old Law or Covenant. Christ blood removed the wrath of judgment of the Old Law condemning us to death for our sins. Now we have received the gift of life without having our sin accounted against us, that is, because of the gift of undeserved kindness in the life of Christ Jesus. We thus, stand righteous before God because we have had imputed too us the merit of what Christ Jesus earned for us. So we cannot earn righteousness it is a free gift, Thus, we must rest by our faith in what Christ Jesus has done for us.

Now we can receive peace with God allowing the free working of the Holy Spirit as another gift for Christ Jesus sinless life. Where we return to earning our own righteousness by merit of good works performed by doctrines, we loss the peace of God that excels all thought in a violent world.

Romans 5:18 So then as through one trespass, all men were condemned; even so through one act of righteousness, all men were justified to life.

1Cor. 1:4 I always thank my God concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus.

A gift should touch our hearts if it is given too us from love, moreover, a gift given as undeserved kindness, which is the forgiveness of our sins, and the life of the precious Son of God dwelling in us richly should humble the receiver to love the giver with ones whole heart, mind, and soul. This is the context Paul often wrote in, not an intellectual knowledge of Christ Jesus, which makes mankind haughty beating fellow slaves into submission through threats found in the scriptures.

Colossians 3:14 Above all these things, walk in love, which is the bond of perfection.

But rather, real godly humility based on such blessings that transforms us into love and appreciation for all that God has done, and is doing in us through his love in Christ Jesus. This then is truth, not so called

knowledge based on human intellect, devoid of compassion, and love for fellowman, which is insistent on winning a biblical argument. Nothing within Paul writings here to the Corinthian's is based on human pride, in being right to promote an agenda in human wisdom; so he looked as an important teacher too fleshly men.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and don't lie against the truth.

3:15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and demonic.

3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed.

No! Paul always starts with the foundation, and built on it until the spiritual house of God's stays standing on Christ Jesus alone through God's gift of grace, or undeserved kindness too us. Without this understanding in humility, love, which is the identifying mark of Christian's; cannot transform knowledge into truth. Jesus Christ is God's truth for us, we become truth when we walk in love, and conform all that we do into Christ-like personalities.

1 John 4:17 In this love has been made perfect among us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, because as he is, even so are we in this world.

1Cor. 1:5 that in everything you were enriched in him, in all speech and all knowledge.

It is God's will that Christian's understand that we are enriched not by material things or some group, but because of our head Jesus Christ. It is much like a person that just cannot become happy in life because they so strongly believe that until they obtain this one thing, happiness is not possible!

1 Corinthians 13:13 But now faith, hope, and love remain--these three. The greatest of these is love.

So to are many Christian's find themselves lacking until they understand that they have all enrichment in their head Christ Jesus; just as our own body find all that is needed in the head/brain of our own body, we fine love for each part of our physical body, for the help when it is hurting, and knowledge to take care of that part of the body, or too seek further knowledge through a higher source.

But when Christian's find themselves in a constant state of discontentment because they can't associate with a certain group, or be honored among a group, or they are lacking in teachers in their group they are not looking in the right place of contentment, Jesus Christ. Here the apostle Paul is writing a letter to those seeking special men within their group as teachers dividing the body of Christ into men having worldly wisdom, and fighting with other parts of the body of Christ, how ungodly, and foolish when we are all one, feed by the same head, how could such a thing be of God?

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect to lack, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content in it.

1Cor. 1:6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

So many Christian's live for the approval of a person in their lives, that is, a minster, or an older person for conformation - if they are doing the will of Our Father Yahweh. This conduct is only human, but it does not mean that it is right, or accepted by our head Jesus Christ, how come?

Well, again using the analogy of the human body, does a finger, or a hand seek the approval of another person to confirm that they are a part of the same body? No, we could not imagine such foolishness, no part of our body has to go to another person to find approval as if it is part of it's own body. Yet, so many Christian's do just that, moreover, they do so through doctrine of a group, being more concerned with measuring their acceptance by a certain teaching.

John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

In other words, they will judge if they are a part of the body of Christ Jesus, not by the testimony confirmed in them, that is, the life of Christ Jesus as the seal of God's approval, but rather a doctrine that is dead works, for their approval. Yes, a dead work, what does this mean? It means all body parts have the living life of Christ Jesus in them confirming the existence of life, which in turn confirms their own existence as a part of Christ Jesus.

No doctrine gives us life, it is our faith in Christ Jesus that does, a doctrine is a dead work without spirit, instead truth is written in our hearts by God's love. In other words, we have the life of Christ Jesus in us because we are a part of his body, and our teachings/doctrines come from our head, which are themselves part of the life of Christ Jesus, as truth.

John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, even so he gave to the Son also to have life in himself.

John 5:39 "You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and these are they which testify about me.

It is this life in us, of Christ Jesus that confirms the teaching as truth, Christ Jesus is the truth, and all teachings must confirm the life in us as a body member. Moreover, our seeking the truth, means we seek the life of Christ Jesus confirmed in us where all wisdom and knowledge of God exist for the body members.

2 Corinthians 4:10 always carrying in the body the putting to death of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

1Cor. 1:7 so that you come behind in no gift; waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ; 1:8 who will also confirm you until the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul here speaks of a number of things in verses seven and eight, Paul wanted all body members to share in the gifts of the body, but why were

some not able too? Not all body parts have the same attributes such as an eye does not have the attributes of a hand, but they could all have the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The fruitage of the Holy Spirit is the life of the spiritual body of Christ Jesus, so some of its members were lacking in these gifts. The greater the gifts of the Holy Spirit the better the whole body would do, once again thinking in terms of our own bodies, we find no competition within its members, if the body is healthy then all body members prosper or are healthy. It would be fleshly members that would lack Holy Spirit, moreover, these same members would vie for position in men dividing the body into human wisdom.

Gal.5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith,{or, faithfulness}

5:23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

5:24 Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts.

But where they were mature members full of Holy Spirit they would be protected in Christ Jesus humility, and what is that? It is Christ own humility as the head of the body in complete submission to the Father will, whereby, as Christ did nothing of his own will, so too we walked in Holy Spirit, and not of our personal will.

Thus, in this manner we are blameless confirming us by the witness of Christ Jesus life in us, sealing the Holy Spirit of God as witness to our approved state. Simply put, it is the Spirit of God that makes up the Spiritual body of Christ Jesus, which is the Spiritual Temple of God on earth that is sanctified by the same Holy Spirit.

1Cor.1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Words are powerful they can make us think or they can lull us into a state of common acceptance where we give no thought to them. When

we hear God is faithful we accept it as a truth giving little or no thought to it. But when Paul, or others of God's prophets speak of God as faithful there is much deeper mean?

For us to know God as faithful goes way beyond a word, it goes to the heart of our soul, where God's faithfulness become our truth, but we can only come to this point by our faith in God's Son Christ Jesus. This is what Paul speaks too in this verse that those accepting Jesus Christ had the very life of Christ Jesus bearing witness in them by God's own faithful Holy Spirit as truth. Here is another point many Christ fail to understand, which is, although they may be unfaithful, God is always faithful, and they find this out when sinning, and God continues to keep His promise seal of Holy Spirit in them, but why?

1Cor. 1:10 Now I beg you, brothers, {The word for "brothers" here and where context allows may also be correctly translated "brothers and sisters" or "siblings."} through the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Unity is a myth when it comes to people of the flesh without God's Holy Spirit, it has been used throughout the history of mankind to perpetrate the greatest atrocities in oppressing others for holding a different point of view. Moreover, religion has used such verses as this to punish anyone not in agreement with their so called "infallible" interpretation of God's word of the bible.

First, in context, Paul's words here he is talking about the body of Christ Jesus, which is a spiritual body having many members of the body just as the human body has. Subsequently, the physical body has one mind, not many minds in one body, whereby allowing each member to direct their own life independently of the body, which is humanly impossible. So here is the correct context of Paul's words, he is not saying; "you must obey these rules/laws with one mind, or you are not part of the spiritual body of Christ Jesus", but why?

Ephesians 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a full grown man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Because Christ Jesus body is a spiritual body governed by one law, which is love, how simple is that? No one ever hated his own body, but feeds and cherish each part of the body with the same mind, and affection from that one mind as it does for all other parts of the body. This then would be the one mind, Christ Jesus, mind, which loves every part of his body the same, yes! The whole body would be loved, not by are personal human love that cannot unite the body with so much fear, and indifference because of abuse from other fleshly members. But by Christ Jesus mind, and his love, and the Fathers love. Thus, it does not depend upon us to make people think the same according to doctrine, but rather letting God's Holy Spirit lead us in love.

1 Corinthians 12:12 For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.

1Cor. 1:11 For it has been reported to me concerning you, my brothers, by those who are from Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you.

Can there be contention in love? Some would say yes, but Paul here is not talking about human love that is often defined by contentions, but rather God's love, which Paul later speaks about in this same book at First Corinthian's Chapter Thirteen. God's love is not jealous, but how can we have God's love while we are yet human with all the problems of human weakness?

Well, this is Paul point here, we can only have God's love when we are at one with the mind of the body, which is Christ Jesus, in this we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, one of which is love. In other words, we receive something super human, a gift of God's own love so we can think in harmony with Christ Jesus the head of the spiritual body, and walk in love by walking in Holy Spirit.

Gal.5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith,{or, faithfulness}

5:23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Thus, if the mind of Christ Jesus is in us by the Holy Spirit we are in humility, Christ Jesus, own humility, we do not boast in a personal gifts of the flesh as though we are better than other body members, stirring up contention, and jealous as the world does. No! What we do is boast in Christ Jesus, in his mind, in his body, giving all glory for our good works to the body, which is the will of God. In this state we are not wanting to be the head of the body receiving personal glory for some work we have preformed in our own will. Neither can we receive glory by our good works in Christ Jesus, because they are Christ Jesus works as is the spiritual body is his.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

1Cor1:12 Now I mean this, that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," "I follow Apollos," "I follow Cephas," and, "I follow Christ." 1:13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul?

Paul here gets to the heart of his letter to the Corinthian's, which is following men, but why were some following men? Because those of the flesh find it almost impossible to identify with the invisible Jesus Christ as they head of the body alive in heaven, so they instead admire human personalities, which they can see, and fine approval from for their acts of faith. There are in fact many human justification in looking to men with "so called wisdom" from God, but none of these justification are truth, they are rather substitutes for lack of faith in our invisible head, where we find the thoughts of God in Jesus Christ.

John 5:44 How can you believe, who receive glory from one another, and you don't seek the glory that comes from the only God?

Human out of the best intention will enslave us to their will believing

they are doing a good work for Yahweh, but why? The answer is complex and, yet simple, sin. All human are under sin, thus, we have both good and bad fruit, however, eating such fruit can only bring death to those partaking of them. Whereas, those in Christ Jesus, partake only of life, of the good fruit from the Holy Spirit found in the spiritual body of Christ Jesus.

A wise teacher in Christ Jesus as Paul was bring all members of the body back to full faith in the head of the body Jesus Christ. Moreover, a wise teacher knows what he has received as a director of Christ works are from the head of the body, and that he is in no better position than the least member of the body. A wise teacher wants his students to stay connected too the source of life, by God's Holy Spirit, while walking in the spirit, and not of the flesh. Such sinful flesh instead follows teachers, rather than the the will of God in the body by faith unseen, but heard only, by what the spirit says to the congregation of God.

Moreover, a wise teacher knows all things outside of Christ Jesus is death, moreover, they understand directing ones to Christ is hard work of a slaves position with no glory on earth.

John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

1Cor.1:14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, except Crispus and Gaius, 1:15 so that no one should say that I had baptized you into my own name. 1:16 (I also baptized the household of Stephanas; besides them, I don't know whether I baptized any other.)

The sinful flesh brags, and makes great boast supporting it unrighteous ways by counting the numbers of their followers. Some how, counting numbers of people that agree with us justifies our position, and our teachings. Here is what was happening to the Corinthian's congregation, caught up in one of the oldest schemes of the devil, uniting people into groups creating a competitive spirit, one group against the other by personalities supporting the group. In this case great teachers that

people admired were the justification for unrighteous division and creature worship for those claiming to serve God in Christ Jesus.

This conduct is deceitful, and easily perpetrated upon fleshly people, given to every whim of teaching. Boasting in person with weak faith having strong fleshly desires to be loyal to a cause is not truth, nor the love of God. There is no ownership in the body of Christ Jesus by human will, even if such human will, is disguised in a religious corporation. God is the owner of the body Christ Jesus, all members are bought, and paid for with the precious blood of Christ Jesus.

Romans 1:23 and traded the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things.

Claiming ownership by baptism, doctrine, or any other power than Christ Jesus is blasphemy. Its members are God's Holy utensils, vessels, chosen by God for His glory, and good pleasure. No man has any claim to that which he did not create, all members are created by God's own Holy Spirit as His spiritual children. Men that are teachers of the body are slaves directing those members to the truth food, of the body, found only in Christ Jesus, the living bread of life.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.

1Cor. 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Good News--not in wisdom of words, so that the cross of Christ wouldn't be made void.

Jesus Christ personally sent the apostle Paul, and he gave Paul specific command not to baptize anyone for good reason, what was that reason? It was that teachers were claiming ownership of those they baptized as proof of their own apostleship, that is, by how many, and whom they had baptized. In other words, there was a competition, a team, a religious group that one could boast in as being a part of by the teacher that baptized you.

It gave one bragging rights where they could say: “do you know who personally baptize me?” Yes, name dropping as though this made a finger placed in the body of Christ closer to the hand of the same body. How unfortunate, the body of Christ had become no more than the world with human division, so one could boast in names. But how could such evil exist in the body of Christ Jesus under the law of love? Will it could not, this conduct was not of God, it was of the world, and found in the works of the flesh.

Gal.5:19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness, 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies, 5:21 envyings, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

This is the power of the sinful flesh for people without God's wisdom finds themselves under when they justify such conduct by using the scriptures. Moreover, it is this justification that has been the cause of all war, and every failed marriage, which proves the power of human to justify their righteousness under sin. Simply put, there is no unrighteous human conduct we cannot justify, let alone using the power of God's Holy word to enforce our excuses over others. We do not know what foolish reasoning the Corinthian's had been ensnared with, but we do know it was from the Devil, and Paul was about to set matters right in the power of Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 64:6 For we have all become as one who is unclean, and all our righteousness is as a polluted garment: and we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

1Cor.1:18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are dying, but to us who are saved it is the power of God.

How could those professing Christ Jesus be one-hundred and eighty degrees the opposite of what Christ Jesus died for on the cross/torture sake? Once again this is the power of human sin in justifying every

unrighteous act by sins laws, what does this mean? It means that human compare degrees of sin, but do you know why? Because one, they were not created to judge matters of good and evil, and secondly, the only way to compare degrees of sin is by self-righteousness or self-rightness.

Christ Jesus abolished all sin in his spiritual body by completing the Old Law, and defeating sins law, with his righteous blood. Thus, those in the spiritual body have no sin as long as they walk by spirit, which is God's love, or under the law of love. Now stop here and think of your own body do you compare parts of it as more or less, do you compare the foot with the hand, to you name drop, by saying look what the eye baptized, and the foot didn't? How foolish, and unrighteous are those conforming to the world under sins laws comparing themselves by themselves.

Ephesians 2:15 having abolished in the flesh the hostility, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man of the two, making peace.

The very cross/torture stake stood as a witness against those living again in the works of the flesh as defeated in Christ Jesus conquered by his death and resurrection, why then would the Corinthian's turn back to the weak, and beggarly things of the world? Pride of ownership, power, division, lust for greatness, and the approval of men all justified in the name of Jesus Christ.

Moreover, all condemned in the name, and life of Christ Jesus, yes, here we see the planting of weed like Christian's that would take over the love of Christ Jesus from sin of fallen flesh of mankind developing into institution of power honoring great men as teachers.

2 Peter 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the defilement of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in it and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

1Cor.1:19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, I will bring the discernment of the discerning to nothing."{Isaiah 29:14}

The wisdom of the wise is but foolishness to the eternal and incorruptible God, Yahweh. No human is incorruptible their very existence on earth corrupts them physically and morally, in fact, if we say that is not true we are a liar according to God. Hard words, but truth, we must all face if we are to receive eternal life from God's own wisdom found in the Christ Jesus.

Revelation 7:12 saying, "Amen! Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might, be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

There is no comparison in any manner that we will not come up short, and in eternal death if we put our faith in man's wisdom over Christ Jesus. Paul here makes this point where the Corinthian's were honoring mans wisdom as teachers over the wisdom of God found in Christ Jesus. No human can redeem us by their teachings, or their wisdom, they are nothing more than a vessel used to direct us too life, which is Christ Jesus. There is no ownership for any human or organization on earth over God's children, but Christ Jesus, as the head of his body, paid for by his precious blood.

Romans 9:21 Or hasn't the potter a right over the clay, from the same lump to make one part a vessel for honor, and another for dishonor?

All other wisdom outside the body of Christ Jesus directed by the incorruptible life of its head is foolishness that will perishes as sin, corruption, and death. No matter what deception is used by teachers to justify their own wisdom as righteous there is no other righteousness God accepts as covering our sins, but Christ Jesus. Moreover, no matter how wonderful the light, and good works coming from men, it is still nothing more than sin, corruption, and death. It is only in Jesus Christ impaled that we find truth, spirit, and eternal life.

2 Timothy 2:21 If anyone therefore purges himself from these, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, and suitable for the master's use, prepared for every good work.

1Cor.1:20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the lawyer of this world? Hasn't God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

In each member of the body of Christ Jesus whom Paul was speaking too here, has the life of Christ Jesus bearing witness to the glory of God in them, all of the members are taught God's law of love by His personal Holy Spirit. Moreover, each member, receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that is, the fruits of the Holy Spirit freely and in abundance.

Furthermore, each member of the body is sinless because Christ Jesus righteousness, and merit is given too them as undeserved kindness of God's love.

1 John 5:20 We know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding, that we know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Now we could speak of many more glories given to Christ Jesus spiritual body, yet, the flesh is strong, and the spirit is weak for the Corinthian congregation, where they were trading the glory of God for mundane teachings of fleshly men, as a superior wisdom over Christ Jesus. But this is not new conduct, it is the same old fleshly conduct that the scribe, and Pharisees taught, but were found wanting in killing the Son of God. However, Yahweh raised His Son into glory, and proof was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Christ Jesus followers, sealing them with the many blessings and gifts spoken above.

Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of Yahweh will rest on him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh.

When Christian's think of man's wisdom over the Christ Jesus as their wisdom, it is a powerful tool Satan, and his demons uses to mislead them. There are, but two choices, either we walk by flesh, in the power of man's wisdom, or walk by spirit, which cause us too look foolish in the eyes of the world, but we cannot have both, search if you will all the

Holy writings, and the suffering of the prophets, and never will you find the two mixed!

Proverbs 25:26 Like a muddied spring, and a polluted well, so is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.

1Cor. 1:21 For seeing that in the wisdom of God, the world through its wisdom didn't know God, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save those who believe.

Those wise in the world brutally killed the wisdom of God Jesus Christ, what the world saw as foolish and weak, God gave glory, and power too, for the world to be save through. What can we say about human wisdom after reading Paul's words here, not much accept it will mislead us.

This is the foundation Paul will build on throughout the rest of his letter to the Corinthian's, Paul will compare man's wisdom as darkness, and God's wisdom in Christ Jesus as light. How should we take such instruction, very seriously, why?

Because so many are mislead, where they are associated with a group believing that group represents Christ Jesus wisdom by its teachings, when in fact most represent the wisdom of men interpreted into what God's wisdom is by doctrines. Unwittingly, satisfied to defend a doctrine over a truth, dividing Christ Jesus into group competing for the best position by labeling teachings as truth, and what an overstate misused word is the word truth!

Ezekiel 23:30 These things shall be done to you, because you have played the prostitute after the nations, and because you are polluted with their idols.

The word truth has become the lie of the world we live in, where people call every thing truth to captivate a person, disarming them, so they cannot think, or disagree with their agenda. But God's truth is living, it is not a word, it is a powerful force, a living spirit person, in the name of Jesus Christ. He is truth because he lives in truth, and is the truth, as

part of his very being. Let none of us be deceived here truth is a fire that will expose every lie, no matter how wonderful the lies are too us, our cling too straw to support our agenda for some good intention will not stand the test of truth in the spirit person of Jesus Christ. God's

Psalms 11:6 On the wicked he will rain blazing coals; fire, sulfur, and scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

wisdom will make the wise of the world foolish by spirit and truth, here shortly.

Isaiah 66:15 For, behold, Yahweh will come with fire, and his chariots shall be like the whirlwind; to render his anger with fierceness, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

**1Cor. 1:22 For Jews ask for signs, Greeks seek after wisdom,
1:23 but we preach Christ crucified; a stumbling block to Jews, and foolishness to Greeks.**

It is almost incomprehensible for us to grasp the idea of faith, which is God wants people to search for Him, and see His glory in the things overlooked by the haughty, what does this mean? It means God cannot be found in the hearts of the proud, it means looking to God creation, and into the face of those oppressed by the rich to see how God hates the condition of sin causing all the problems for the human race.

Psalms 138:6 For though Yahweh is high, yet he looks after the lowly; but the proud, he knows from afar.

It is understanding that all suffering from sin is an enemy of God Yahweh that the so called wise of this world are putting themselves into the position of a god to justify the power of sins death by intellect in stealing God's own glory over us. Yes, the simple truth of God loving the world in sending His own Son to die for us is foolish to the wise of this world while justifying aborting babies, and killing each other during war. Such love is weak when compared with the power built up by mighty nations in military arms to protect the wisdom of the worldly wise leader over them.

Yes, nothing has changed since Paul wrote his words to the Corinthian's the Jew's had thousands of years of history with great men, and the Greek the wisdom of the world. How foolish did Christ Jesus look in coming from a poor family with no formal education as the savior of world? How foolish did he look in being hung up a instrument of death a curse without a fight against his opposers? Jesus the man the Son of God was humble to look at, and humble to know, one had to see by faith God's love working through him, yes, one had to get down on knees and search for the heavenly Father to see Jesus Christ as God's wisdom.

Proverbs 16:5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to Yahweh: they shall certainly not be unpunished.

1Cor. 1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

There could be no more powerful of statement then Christ Jesus being called the wisdom of God, how could a body member lack wisdom if the very head of the same body is God's own wisdom? Well we shouldn't because we are also told that if we pray for wisdom God will give it to us without reproaching us.

Colossians 2:3 in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord.

How wonderful to think we can have the mind of Christ Jesus regarding all the wisdom of God; if we need help with life's complex problems. But let us remember, such gaining of wisdom takes faith, that is, trust that Christ is the wisdom of God and that Yahweh will happily give us such wisdom if we ask for it. Here is the problem for many fleshly Christian's they want wisdom from God, but only to further their fleshly pursuits in life. God wisdom in Christ Jesus is a gift for the body of Christ, what does this mean?

1 Corinthians 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him?"{Isaiah 40:13} But we have Christ's mind.

When we have God's wisdom we use it to glorify the body of Christ Jesus in more works of the Holy Spirit among its members, this is Paul expression here in the book of Corinthian's to build up the body of Christ Jesus in the power of God's wisdom where all body members walk in spirit, and truth, thus, uniting the body in the bond of love. Yes, wisdom from the head of the body for the healthy functioning of the body as one person before Yahweh doing His will. This is the power of God's wisdom as our head Jesus Christ, this mystery belongs exclusively to the body of Christ Jesus, why would one trade it for the wisdom and glory of corrupt men?

1Cor.1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Man is but a vapor, a mist that appear but a moment and is gone; meet the truth of the human condition, look to those that proceed us the grave yards are full of ambitious people that thought they would live long and make a name for themselves, but without a stone marker, and family member they are quickly forgotten among the living, as were these teachers - Paul was admonishing in the Corinthian's congregation.

James 4:14 Whereas you don't know what your life will be like tomorrow. For what is your life? For you are a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away.

How truthfully strong is man's wisdom? Well the weakest thing of Yahweh's is stronger, but why? Because our God is eternal and incorruptible, immortal, and full of dynamic power. He does not tire out and grow weary. Men speak many world to strengthen their weak sinful flesh into believing they are immortal, by building wealth, and great names for themselves, but they are as green grass when Yahweh Spirit blows upon them they wither.

Isaiah 40:6 The voice of one saying, "Cry!" One said, "What shall I

cry?" "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like the flower of the field.

Isaiah 40:7 The grass withers, the flower fades, because Yahweh's breath blows on it. Surely the people are like grass.

Let us remember the flesh is weak, it can only live one day at a time successfully, but in all of its rebellion it deceives itself with its own mouth that it is much more powerful. However, it is quickly humble before the Lord, when it cannot wield great power over the lives of others commanding them to give up life and limb for self-glorification. Paul knew these teachers want just that, power to have others do their dirty work so they could be honored on earth. This self-exaltation was the same lust, and lack of godly wisdom spoken by the father of the lie.

1Cor. 1:26 For you see your calling, brothers, that not many are wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, and not many noble.

How many Christians like the world love to name drop, by who is associated with their group, as though giving themselves the stamp of God's approval by some wise, and noble person presents, but why did God not choose a noble person of great fame to be of the body of Christ Jesus? Because it is in the weak things of men that God's own glory, and wisdom is found in the head of the body Christ Jesus.

Mark 7:7 But in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. {Isaiah 29:13}

God, or His Son Christ Jesus does not seek, or need great men for their approval, unlike weak, and sick Christians that lack faith in the spiritual reality of the glorified Christ. Walking on water takes faith, it requires trust in the power of God's Son, walking by faith in a world with physical eyes that hate the spirit in us requires faith. Both require rejection from the world who intellectualize human wisdom over God's wisdom. Here Paul was showing why God's wisdom dwells in the lowly things of our world, the things look down on, the things walk upon, as mere dust under the feet of the proud.

John 5:41 I don't receive glory from men.

Yes, this is where those fleshly Corinthian's Christian's wanted to go down the broad and spacious road into destruction that our world has been on for the glory of men since its inception. These Corinthian's had been given gifts of the body, now they wanted glory for them as though they earned them by good merit, just like the world, lording it over other members of the body. Thus, they were seeking teachers that would support their lust for human wisdom, why? Because it is hard to walk on water, it is hard to be in Christ, and wash feet like a slave, it is hard to forgive our enemies, it is hard not to be successful in the world because of Christ Jesus' righteousness, and it is hard because the god of this world does not support Christ Jesus' spiritual body, but seeks to destroy it on every level.

Yes, my friend it is hard to look plagued and foolish for the Christ, and hard to wait upon the reward of our faith stored in the heavenly glorified Christ Jesus unseen from the world's eyes.

1Cor.1:27 but God chose the foolish things of the world that he might put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong.

What trust can one put into a foolish thing that the world looks down upon? Moreover, how can a foolish thing be proud, and boast in some specialness? But this is exactly what the Corinthian's congregation was doing, but how does such a thing happen? Well, we are all faced with a decision as Christian's, do we stay a slave knowing that we receive everything we have because of our master's glory Jesus Christ, or do we choose to become haughty, exalting ourselves over other slaves of the same body?

Matthew 19:17 He said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but one, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

The flesh, that is, the sinful flesh can only establish itself, and build up itself by sinking its roots deep into merit earned by its own efforts, but a slave seeks the approval of their master, and does not expect gratitude for

doing the things assigned. The hand on the body does not wantonly seek glory for ministering to the rest of the body, it has no mind, or will of its own. The hand seek no glory, because it glory is part of the body.

But these fleshly Corinthian's wanted glory of the heads position, much like Satan who wanted glory for his position in helping God create the habitation of mankind. The struggles in these members of this congregation was from their own selfish lust for greatness, a greatness that did not exist without the glory of God. There were but foolish things too the world, how had they become proud members of the spiritual body of Christ Jesus?

Luke 17:7 But who is there among you, having a servant plowing or keeping sheep, that will say, when he comes in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down at the table,'

17:8 and will not rather tell him, 'Prepare my supper, clothe yourself properly, and serve me, while I eat and drink. Afterward you shall eat and drink'?

17:9 Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded? I think not.

Sadly, some of these were headed into being evil slaves, dividing the body, stealing it's glory, and directing others into feeding on leaven bread of human wisdom, which is nothing more than works of the flesh in corruption and death. Yes, these body members thought they had earned a position as special within the body of Christ, and wanted gratitude for the things assigned, but they were nothing more then mere slaves for the master glory. How foolish a hand becomes when mutating through lust of flesh for glory into a pseudo head by self-righteousness, when all it has is a gifts received from master of the body Christ Jesus?

1Cor. 1:28 and God chose the lowly things of the world, and the things that are despised, and the things that are not, that he might bring to nothing the things that are: 1:29 that no flesh should boast before God.

What is a lowly thing? A lowly things of this world are those things having

no power of authority to control and manipulate other peoples lives, they are look down upon as so common place that no one gives much consideration to them. A lowly thing is something that has no rights, they exist provided they don't inferior with the proud of this world, who demand rights! They are despised as having no account, much like a bug that crawls up ones leg, flick off as an annoyance, giving little or no thought to it life, or its purpose in this life.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart; and you will find rest for your souls.

The lowly ones chosen by God do not have the rights, and consideration of the world, their lives, and contribution too this world are not needed or wanted, they exist outside the family of man which love their own, who a part of the same world, these instead are hated, despise, and considered as nothing, living as aliens, but there is still more? Yes, they are so overlooked that Christ Jesus could say to the sheep and goats; "Because you did it to one of these the least of my brothers you did in too me? But neither the sheep nor goats knew when they had done good towards Christ Jesus brothers?"

God not only chose the lowly things, but the lowly things stay lowly things of the world, despised until their death in the flesh. However these Corinthian teachers of the flesh were saying other wise, they were promoting that once a part of Christ Jesus they would receive glory an honor of the world by their great teachings, thus, they could accept honor, and glory at least from one another. But Paul rebuked such thinking, now was the time to humble oneself in the flesh before God, and remember who they were in their flesh, they were not the proud of the world, who lorded it over others, not the ruthless rich that drag them before courts of law, and held up the wages of the workers.

2 Corinthians 10:1 Now I Paul, myself, entreat you by the humility and gentleness of Christ; I who in your presence am lowly among you, but being absent am of good courage toward you.

No! God had chose the lowly things that he might bring the wisdom of the flesh too nothing; these are the humble ones that would untied the

evil of the proud, freeing the nations from sin corruption and death, they above all would despise the glory of men, knowing the corruption it brings with it in every evil working done under the sun. They alone would boast in one things, which is God's own wisdom, found in their head Christ Jesus as receiving the power honor and glory.

1Cor.1:30 But of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.

Here we find the very cruxes, the heart of truth for Christian's, and the most overlooked lowly things in the bible, and what is that? That the only standing a Christian's has as part of the body of Christ Jesus, is Christ Jesus own faithfulness on earth, not their own. Every gift, every spiritual understanding that come to a finger, or hand of the body of Christ Jesus comes down from above, because of Christ Jesus own righteousness, and not our own.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning shadow.

Every spiritual teaching for the body Christ Jesus, and it members comes too us because of Christ Jesus faithfulness to God while on earth. We receive the life of Christ that give us the fruit of the Holy Spirit, one of which is faith. We cannot stand in our own righteousness, we cannot like these fleshly teachers in Corinthian congregation claim a separate gift of teaching from our own will. We have no glory accept the glory God has given to the body of Christ based upon Christ righteousness. It is Christ Jesus own righteousness that removed the law condemning us to sin, corruption, and death.

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms.

We have no power to boast in regarding our own works, because we have no separate works, but the works of the body in which we are a member

of, and a slave in, for the rest of the body. All that we have is in Christ Jesus as our owner, and master of us, by his own righteousness, which removes our sins before God allowing us to be made part of his body. Without this basic teachings body members will let the works of the flesh creep in giving glory to various teachings, and men that promote themselves, however, such are nothing more than wisdom of the world a weak thing to God.

1Cor. 1:31 that, according as it is written, "He who boasts, let him boast in the Lord."{Jeremiah 9:24}

Do Christian's boast as the world boast in the flesh? Do those of the body of Christ brag as too their position in Christ Jesus? Well, if we walk by flesh we boast in the flesh, but those of the body of Christ Jesus do not walk by flesh, but spirit, so how do they boast?

Psalms 75:4 I said to the arrogant, "Don't boast!" I said to the wicked, "Don't lift up the horn.

Those led by Spirit of God boast in the lowly things, in the humility of Christ Jesus shown in them through God's undeserved kindness, how can we boast in Christ Jesus humility? Well, let us first remember the life of Christ Jesus works through us if we are in accord with the will/spirit of his body, thus, we receive the very humility of Christ Jesus as one more gift of the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 94:4 They pour out arrogant words. All the evildoers boast.

If there is a boasting in Christ, not about the name of Christ Jesus, but in him, and through us, about his glory given him by God, and not our own position. It would be about God's love working through Christ Jesus in us as slaves to the body of Christ Jesus. None of us could imagine a hand boasting? Why would a hand boast about itself, it has no brain, no independence apart from the body, no blood, no will, or works outside the body.

Romans 11:18 don't boast over the branches. But if you boast, it is not you who support the root, but the root supports you.

Many Christian's have used Paul's words here to boast about their good works in “ the name of Christ Jesus”, but let us be warned, Christ stated there would be those boasting in what they had done by his name that he would call workers of lawlessness, what did he mean? They were not part of his bodies as slaves, they had individual wills, seeking individual glory by uses of his name, they were thieves stealing that which belongs too Christ Jesus, instead, claiming their own righteousness, and faithfulness rather than Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 4:7 For who makes you different? And what do you have that you didn't receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

These lawless ones were without the law of the body, which is love, so they had no covering of Christ Jesus righteousness, thus, they were still with sin and lawless (without law of the body) according to God righteous standards, whereas, those of the body have no sin because of staying in Christ Jesus sinless body, which is covered by his own blood. There simply is no other works God acceptance as righteous outside the body of Christ Jesus where the ground is still cursed by weeds and thistles.

Philippians 2:16 holding up the word of life; that I may have something to boast in the day of Christ, that I didn't run in vain nor labor in vain.

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