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Pursuing Christ through Wisdom • 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Sermon Notes

1. The wisdom of the gospel is revealed by the Holy Spirit. 1-10

- A. The gospel was ordained before foundation of world (Eph. 1:3-14)
- B. The gospel allows God to be both “just” and “justifier” (1 Cor. 2:24; 28-29)
- C. The gospel surprised Satan and his forces (1 Cor. 2:8-9)

2. The Holy Spirit is God, and He indwells us and equips us for ministry. 11-16

- A. The person of the Holy Spirit.
 - Helper (John 16:7)
 - Convicts us (John 16:8)
 - Guide (John 16:13)
 - Testifies about Jesus (John 16:14-15)
- B. The work of the Holy Spirit
 - Empowers us for ministry (Acts 1:8)
 - Gifts us for ministry (1 Cor. 12:4-7)
 - Equips us for ministry (Gal. 5:22-24)
- C. The necessity of the Holy Spirit
 - Helps us understand biblical truth (1 Cor. 2:11-15)
 - Helps us understand the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16)

Additional Study Information

Key verses: 1 Cor. 2:10-13

Key Principle: The Holy Spirit has been given to us to guide us into God’s wisdom.

Key idea: The Holy Spirit equips us to serve in unity and walk in humility.

Questions

1. Define “walking in the Spirit.”

2. Can I quench, grieve, and walk in the Spirit?

3. Why do we as believers not place more value on proactively seeking the wisdom of the Holy Spirit?

4. When you have an opportunity to share your faith, do you struggle with fear of failure or inadequacy? Did those feelings stop you or did you fight through it and share Jesus? Where do you get the strength to consistently share your faith?

5. Our view of God, the Author of Scripture, is fundamental to our view of Scripture. How does our view of Scripture help to form our view of the Holy Spirit?

6. Galatians 5:16 instructs us to “walk in the Spirit, and (we) shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” Like the apostle Paul, we constantly struggle between the flesh and the Spirit. How do we fight the fight between living by the Spirit and the flesh?

7. When was the last time you faced an ethical decision and took time to consider what the Holy Spirit says through Scripture about that decision? Why do we have a difficult time with what the Holy Spirit tells us through Scripture?

Digging Deeper

Read Romans 8:9 and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

If it's true that the Spirit of God dwells in us and that our bodies are the Holy Spirit's temple, then shouldn't there be a huge difference between the person who has the Holy Spirit living inside him or her and the person who does not? What about your life demonstrates the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? List the changes in your own life as a result of the Holy Spirit and how do those changes reflect your growth in Christ and the fruit of the Spirit as is found in Galatians 5:22-26.