



1st Corinthians 3

Spiritual VS. Carnal



Review Chapter One

- **They Were Enriched By God**
 - Called Out To Be Holy
 - Utterance and Knowledge
 - Waited On Christ's Return
 - Could Count On God's Faithfulness
- **They Suffered From "Preacher-itis"**
 - Only Christ Died For Our Sins
 - Only Baptized Into Christ
- **They Exalted Human Wisdom**
 - Treated The Gospel As Another "Wisdom"
 - All This Is Folly

Review Chapter Two

- **Paul's Manner Of Preaching**
 - Paul Proclaimed Only Christ and Him Crucified (1-3)
 - In Weakness, Fear, and Trembling (3)
 - Demonstrated Of The Spirit And Of Power (4-5)
 - Faith Should Rest In Power Of God Not In Men (5)
- **True Wisdom Of God (6-16)**
 - The Hidden Nature Of God's Wisdom (6-9)
 - The Spirit's Revelation Of God's Wisdom (10-13)
 - The "Natural Man" VS. Spiritual Man (14-16)
 - *Natural - Not Guided By Revelation And Can Not Judge*
 - *Spiritual - Guided By God's Revelation And Able To Judge.*

Division Is Carnal (3:1-4)

- **The Corinthian's Were Carnal (1-2)**

- Paul Could Not Speak To Them As Spiritual
- Paul Could Only Speak To Them As Babes
 - *They Were Babes Because Of Their Diet*

- **The Evidence Of Their Carnality (3-4)**

- Envy, Strife, and Divisions Among Them
- They Were Calling Themselves After Men
 - *They Were Babes Because They Could Not Get Along*



Spiritual or Babes?

- **Diet?**
 - Milk or Meat?
- **Ability To Get Along With Others?**
 - Children Fuss and Fight.
 - Corinthians Had Envy, Strife and Divisions

Preachers And Their Work (5-17)

- **Preachers Are Servants Used By God (5-7)**
 - Opportunities To Serve God In Many Ways (5-6a)
 - Neither (Planting or Watering) Is More Important
 - Only God Gives The Increase (6b - 7)
 - The Corinthians Should Only Glory In God
- **Preachers Relation To Each Other (8-17)**
 - United In Their Work - Labor and Rewards Differ (8)
 - Fellow Workers With God - Work On God's Building (9)
 - Paul Laid The Foundation Of Jesus Christ (10-11)
 - Others Be Careful How You Build - Materials Used (12-15)
 - Strong Warning To Those That Defile Temple (16-17)

Messages From 10-17

• **What The Text Does NOT Say**

– Once Saved Always Saved (1 Cor 9:27; 10:12)

- Work (Converts) Can Be Lost But Not The Preacher (15)
- “Works” Are Not The Deeds We Do In Life
 - Otherwise the text says it doesn’t matter what one does in this life he will still be saved.
- “Works” In Context Have To Do With Building God’s Temple

– Purgatory

• **What The Text DOES Say**

- Don’t Focus On The Preacher - To God Be The Glory!
- Jesus Christ Is The Foundation
- Be Careful How You Build And What You Preach
- If You Defile The Temple You Will Be Destroyed.



Avoid Glorifying In Men's Wisdom

- **Reasons Not To Glory In Worldly Wisdom**
 - You Will Only Deceive Yourself (18)
 - World's Wisdom Is Foolishness With God (19-20)
- **Reasons Not To Glory In Men (21-23)**
 - All Things (Including Men) Are Yours (21-22)
 - You Are Christ's, And Christ Is God's (23)



Chapter One Review

- **They Were Called To Be Holy (1:1-9)**
 - Set Apart By God
 - Called Out By The Gospel
- **They Were Enriched By God**
 - Utterance - Ability to Speak God's Word
 - Knowledge - Ability To Understand God's Word
- **They Waited On Christ's Return**
- **They Could Count On God's Faithfulness**
- **THEREFORE PAUL APPEALS FOR UNITY**
 - Speak the Same Things
 - Eliminate Divisions
 - Be Perfectly United In Mind and Judgement