



Class 4 ~ 1 Corinthians

9.11.19

Homework for week of 9.11 – 9.17

Videos we watched in class:

Read Scripture 1 Corinthians

<https://youtu.be/yiHf8klCCc4>

Videos we didn't watch in class but wanted to:

Angel of the Lord (see notes at the bottom under Extra Credit)

<https://youtu.be/qgmf8bHayXw>

Homework:

Everyday: First, pray that the Lord will reveal Himself through your reading and will impress His words upon your heart giving you clarity and transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Day 1 – 1 Corinthians 1-3

Look back at 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. What are some foundations we try to build our lives on? What happens to them? When we know and accept that our firm foundation is Jesus, what then do we use to build on that foundation? What is in your life that represents the wood, hay and straw (the things that will not last, but be burned up). What are the things that you lay on your foundation that represent the gold, silver and jewels? Ask God to let this change your perspective and your priorities. Keep in mind as you think and pray through this concept what Paul tells us in Colossians 3:23 and 1 Corinthians 10:31.

Day 2 – 1 Corinthians 4-7

Look at 1 Corinthians 6:12. The people were using the phrase “all things are lawful for me,” as a rationalization for sinful behaviors that they were doing. However, Paul gives two limitations to our freedom. What are they?

Continue by looking at vv. 13-14. What is the purpose of the body and what is God going to do with our bodies?

Vv. 19-20 teach about the connection between the Holy Spirit and our body and that we were bought with a price. What are some of the implications of this truth?

Verse 20 commands us to glorify God with our bodies. To glorify means to reflect and display God through our bodies. What are some ways we can do that?

Day 3 – 1 Corinthians 8-11

Looking back at Chapter 8.

Paul addresses here another concern of the Corinthian Christians: What is Paul's stance regarding the eating of meat that has been used in idol sacrifices/worship?

Just like there are in our world today, in Paul's world there were Christians who were new to the faith who had not yet learned to distinguish fully between what is proper for living under the lordship of Christ and what is not. They see certain Christians eating meat used for idol sacrifice and they are led to believe that as a follower of Christ, one can continue to worship other idols. Paul urges these “stronger” Christians to realize Christ achieved freedom for His children by giving

up His own and because of that, we use our freedom to build the community of faith up, not destroy it, confuse it, or divide it.

Allow Paul's example to inspire you to greater acts of love. An understanding of who God is should promote believers to give up everything for the sake of the Gospel, laying down freedoms in hope that one more might come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. What are you willing to give up for the sake of Christ? Ask the Lord to bring to mind areas of your life that might be impeding your opportunity to serve the body and introduce Jesus to the lost.

Day 4 – 1 Corinthians 12-14

Look at 12:4-7.

Who are spiritual gifts from and for what purposes are they given?

Some Corinthian's felt certain spiritual gifts were better than others. Have you ever encountered that attitude? In yourself?

When have you felt that you were part of a unit where all the parts worked together for a common goal?

Ask God for insight into your own spiritual gifts and how you can grow closer to God as you discover and use them. If you already are using them, praise Him for the gifts and for continuing to use you.

Day 5 – 1 Corinthians 15-16

Who did Jesus appear to during the 40 days after his resurrection?
See Acts 1:3

1 Corinthians 15:1-9

John 20:11-18

John 20:19-31

John 21: 1-14.

Try to put yourself in their shoes. How would you feel? Try to imagine the range of emotions from the crucifixion to the appearances and on to the ascension. Note the changes in the scattered, timid disciples at the crucifixion and then after the resurrection. Why are the appearances after the resurrection so important? See 1 Corinthians 15:17-19.

Extra Credit:

Lifeway provides some neat tools to help you discover your spiritual gifts. Check out these helps.

<https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service>

Notes for The Angel of the Lord:

The precise identity of the “angel of the Lord” is not given in the Bible. However, there are many important “clues” to his identity. There are references to “angels of the Lord,” “an angel of the Lord,” and “the angel of the Lord.” It seems when the definite article “the” is used, it is specifying a unique being, separate from the other angels. The angel of the Lord speaks as God, identifies Himself with God, and exercises the responsibilities of God.

(Genesis 16:7-12; 21:17-18; 22:11-18; Exodus 3:2; Judges 2:1-4; 5:23; 6:11-24; 13:3-22; 2 Samuel 24:16; Zechariah 1:12; 3:1; 12:8).

In several of these appearances, those who saw the angel of the Lord feared for their lives because they had “seen the Lord.” Therefore, it is clear that in at least some instances, the angel of the Lord is a theophany, an appearance of God in physical form.

The appearances of the angel of the Lord cease after the incarnation of Christ. Angels are mentioned numerous times in the New Testament, but “the angel of the Lord” is never mentioned in the New Testament after the birth of Christ in this same way.

It is possible that appearances of the angel of the Lord were manifestations of Jesus before His incarnation. This is one idea theologians throw around. Jesus declared Himself to be existent “before Abraham” (John 8:58), so it is logical that He would be active and manifest in the world. Whatever the case, whether the angel of the Lord was a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ (Christophany) or an appearance of God the Father (theophany), it is highly likely that the phrase “the angel of the Lord” usually identifies a physical appearance of God.

Interesting stuff! I love digging into these things that are easy to gloss over. Once you learn them, it makes the scripture richer and more meaningful because I understand it more fully.