

## IMMATURITY

I. CAUSE of Immaturity - lack of right wisdom 1:10-31.  
Not lack of salvation (1:6) or spiritual gifts (1:5). Or of wisdom, but not right kind.

A. Characteristics of their lack, 1:10-17.

1. In relation to human leaders, 10-13a. Balance with Hebrew 13:17.
2. In relation to ordinances, 13b-17. Balance with Matthew 28:19. Sent to preach, also commissioned to baptize.

B. Cause of their lack, 18-31. Not understanding ways of God and trying to make God operate in same pattern world does.

1. No understanding of God's wisdom in relation to Message of the Cross, 18-25.
2. No understanding of God's wisdom in relation to Method of Choosing, 26-31.

II. CURE for Immaturity - right wisdom, 2:1-16.

A. The Preaching of it, 2:1-8. It is Christ, 1:30. Not lack of ability but pre-determined style...Christ and Him crucified.

B. The Preparation of it, 2:9. From all eternity and revealed now. Not future

C. The Purpose of it, 2:10-12. Deep things of God. Cf. immaturity. Rev. 2:24.

D. The Prerequisite, 2:13. Spiritual things to spiritual men. (might be neuter and mean spiritual methods). Both true. Must come to Bible with broken spirit so spirit can teach.

E. The Product, 2:15-16. Spiritual man. Means control by HS not experience. Brings discernment. Price is yieldedness.

III. CONSEQUENCES of immaturity, 3:1-4:21.

A. Undeveloped, 3:1-8. Unspiritual. Carnal. Babes - 3rd class of men. Xns bec. in Christ. But never develop. When think of babies think of 3 things.

1. Diapers. Baby is uncontrolled by flesh, HS controls spiritual man. Always makes mistakes.
2. Diet. He has to be fed and it is milk, Hebrew 5:12.
3. Disturbance, 3-8. This is baby talk.

B. Unrewarded, 3:9-15.

Bec the doctrine they hold will be unfruitful. Crown of rejoicing, 1 Th 2:19; rightness, 2 Tim. 4:8; life, Rev. 2:10; James 1:12; glory, 1 Peter 5:4.

C. Unclean, 3:16-23. Strong warning against uncleanness. Not only brings loss of reward but may bring physical death as 11:29-32; 5:5. Obey HS for He reveals Christ and in Him are all things.

D. Unjust, 4:1-8. In judging of stewardship. His judgment will be:

1. On wrong basis, 1, 2, 7. Basis is faithfulness
2. By wrong person, 3-5a. Lord will do and He's merciful.
3. At wrong time, 5b, 8.
4. Wrong motive, 5c. His is to bring praise. Hidden things - bad and good.

E. Unnatural, 4:9-21.

Natural to be last, doomed to death, spectacle of disfavor, fools, weak, despised. Immature Corinth. were opposite. Romans 8:36. Also proud, 18-21 which is unnatural for Christians.

## IMMORALITY

### I. The Problem, 1-2.

- A. A report. No fault with woman - probably not Christian, commonly means everywhere.
- B. A reaction. Instead of being puffed up, should have realized whole church affected.

### II. The Punishment, 3-5.

- A. Condemning. Put outside fellowship. Then he would realize value of church. Outside is Satan's dominion. Would this work today? Perhaps, but so little difference between church and world. Excommunication involving chastening, illness. Salvation means from shame and loss of reward. Whole church participates in this.
- B. Considerate. Because this was intended to bring him back to the Lord. Matt. 18:15-17; 2 Cor. 2:6-8.

### III. The Principle, 6-13.

Whole Christian life is a Passover; so put away all evil. Only applies to Christian society not world for have to do business with world. God judges them.

## ILLEGALITY

- I. Illegal to defame the gospel, 1. If we'd insist on our rights we'd all be in hell. Balance with Acts 16:36; 25:11.
- II. Illegal to debase your position, 2-6. Shall judge angels some day. Lk. 22:30; Mt. 19:28. Can't judge between hel. now. Vs. 4 is ironical command.
- III. Illegal to defraud brother, 7-11. Not in relation to getting his settlement but defraud his spiritual life too. This makes you like unsaved (9-11) who are outside kindgom of God. Note extortioner (5:11) - one who squeezes poor. Present position is 11.
- IV. Illegal to do the expedient, 12a. Lit. to work to one's own benefit or anothers.
- V. Illegal to do the enslaving, 12b. Lots of habits come under this.

Conclusion: Legal to be holdy. Basis, 11. Not withdrawal, 13-15. became place for meats. But realize joined to Christ, 15-18. Glorify God in body.

## MARRIAGE

Don't know background at Corinth except very heathen and need for plain speaking. Answers to questions asked and we don't have copy of questions. Some answers for specific emergency, 26. Only part of aspects of marriage discussed. Hebrew 13:4. Principle is that of seeking glory of God in any state for time is short.

### I. Is Marriage Preferred? 1-9.

- A. No, 1-7-9. Preference given to celibacy but it is a gift and individual matter. In those days it was dangerous to be Christian and better sometimes to be unmarried.
- B. Yes, 2-6. P recognizes sex drive and better to be married. 3-5 deals with sex relations. If married then automatically assume responsibilities of 3-5. Main one is that neither husband or wife is master of body. Separate by consent, for limited time, specific purpose only. Some married people better off at home than Bible conference.

### II. Is Marriage Permanent? 10-24, 39-40.

- A. Both parties Christian, 10-11. Command shows both Christian. Divorce not allowed at all here, Cf Mc 10:9 (includes parties involved). One cause for divorce, Matthew 5:31.
- B. Mixed marriages, 12-24. Mixture after marriage. No provision for mixture before because 2 Cor. 6:14. Vs 12--no teaching by Christians but P speaks with authority and words inspired. Vs 13-14 if can stay together do because set apart unbel one and Children. Vs 15 if depart OK but not bound only to stay together, can't remarry. 1 Peter 3:1, better to stay. 17-24 tells what to do about job if saved after married. Stay in same calling unless it dishonors Lord because: (1) guard against social upheaval. (2) chance to evangelize pre-Christian associates. Doesn't contradict self-advancement in democracy, but their govt. different.
- C. Remarriage, 39-40. To believe after death of 1st OK.

### III. Is Marriage Paramount (Primary)? 25-38.

Not at all. Time to serve Christ short and best to be as unhindered as possible whether married or not. Put aside all things of world, 30, for Lord's coming imminent, 29. Note parents' permission for marriage in 36-7.

## MEATS

### I. The Problem. The Enquiry. 8:1-13

Meat prob sold at lower price. OK to eat because idol represents a god and since only 1 God and idol represents nothing. Won't hurt relation to self or God to eat. But don't eat for weak brother's sake because Christ died for him, 11, because of his conscience, 12, because his union with Christ 12. Difficult question because P has to defend principles of grace, avoid wounding Jewish conscience, avoid saying anything that would cause Gentiles to go back into idolatry.

### II. The Pattern. The Examples. 9:1-10:22.

#### A. Good pattern from P's Personal History, 9:1-27.

##### 1. P's Rights, 1-18.

Example now is in realm of taking support for preaching. Principle is of rights vs restrictions. Liberty limited by love. Here is the liberty.

- a. Others received, 4.
- b. Society practices, 7.
- c. Law permitted, 9.
- d. They owed it, 11.
- e. They supported others, 12.
- f. Priest received, 13.
- g. Lord ordained it, 14.

##### 2. P's Restrictions, 19-27.

Voluntarily restricted liberty in order to:

- a. Persuade all men, 19-23. You can sympathize without conforming. Christ did, Hebrew 4:15-6.
- b. Please God, 24-27. Reward.

#### B. Bad pattern from Israel's Past History, 10:1-22.

1. Visible religion, 1-7. Ex 32:6. Deflection worse because permitted selves to be separated unto Moses, 2. 1 John 5:21. Idolatry.
2. Worldly religion, 8. Numbers 25:1,9. Worldliness. James 4:4.
3. Easy religion, 9. Numbers 21:6, Exodus 17:2. Wanted water. Unwilling to suffer, Phil. 1:29.
4. Works religion, 10. Numbers 14:2. In cf to faith in God in face of His full provision. Atonement for 1, 2, 3, but not for this. They had to die. Eph. 2:9. Concl. Take heed. Can't do these things and have fellowship at Lord's table.

### III. The Principle. The Exhortation. 10:23-33.

Actually several principles leading to one chief one.

- A. Does it edify, 23.
- B. Will it advantage another, 24.
- C. Will it hurt another's conscience, 25-30.
- D. Will it give offense, 32.
- E. Will it lead to salvation of others, 33.
- F. Does it glorify God, 31. If thing in itself is OK, does its associations (place, people) glorify God or identify us with enemies of Christ.

Conclusion. What is glory of God? Manifestation of any or all of His attributes. His character seen in Christ. Therefore glorifying is imitating and that means John 4:34.

## ORDER IN THE CHURCH

### I. In the MEETINGS of the Church, 11:1-34.

#### A. The Place of Women, 11:2-16.

Harlots went unveiled in streets; slave girls shaved. Some Christians doing it in liberty. Therefore ought to be covered in public meetings because:

1. Order in church, 2-6.

God, Christ, man, woman. Gal. 3:28 doesn't nullify. 1 Tim. 2:12; 1 Cor. 14:34. Covering is additional to hair for word in 15 different from 5,6.

2. Order in creation, 7-12.

"Wearing hat in church doesn't guarantee she won't wear pants at home." God, man, woman. To try to be manly is to get out of her place. Nothing better than womanly woman. Sign of authority of her husband as head because angels who are subject to God and who observe us. 1 Pet. 1:12.

3. Order in nature, 13-16.

Hair is covering belonging to nature. Veil of 6 is additional belonging to super nature. Vs. 16 means no custom of non-veiling. All do it.

Importance of this: Hat symbol of deeper truth-place of woman. Important to decide whether going to be subject to will of God is all things or fashion of world. Even fashion says: "There are only a few occasions in today's world when good form dictates that a hat must be worn. These are attendance at church . . ." Decide how far it applies to you.

#### B. The Place of the Lord's Supper, 11:17-34.

Agape. Prepared meal at home and ate together. Also prayer, Script., meal, collection for widows orphans, kiss, letters from other churches, answers, Supper. Passed out in 3-4 Century. Abuse here so great better not to have. Supper is the important thing.

1. Have atmosphere right, 17-22,33-34. Some had more than others.

2. Have understanding right, 23-26.

. Memorial. Remember because Christ we remember in Supper not Christ as He is today. It is declaration. It is prophesy.

3. Have self right, 27-32.

Unworthy manner (not person) condemns. Confess and take.

### II. In the MINISTRY of the Church, 12:1-14:40.

#### A. The Ministry Endowed by the Lord, 12:1-31.

1. The Person of gifts, 1-6. Each person of Godhead.

2. The List of gifts, 7-11. Wisdom is right use of knowledge. Knowledge is diligent study of Word under HS. Accomplishing faith as in prayer, Romans 12:3. If you don't have this gift, don't imitate another. Healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning spirit (see thru people),

- .. tongues, interpretation.
- 3. The Purpose of gifts, 12-31.  
To outwork and preserve supernaturally wrought unity of body. 12-14 is latter. Climax is vs 25 in cf 1 Peter 5:7. All must work together whether strong or feeble.
- B. The Ministry Energized (by Love), 13:1-13.
  - 1. Love Indispensible, 1-3.  
In eloquence, knowledge, faith, charity, martyrdom.
  - 2. Love Manifest, 4-7.  
In actions, thinking, behavior, rejoicing.
  - 3. Love Imperishable, 8-13.  
Vs 13--all abide but love greater because God is love and we shall be like Him. In sense ultimate sanctification is progressive and we shall be learning thru eternity.
- G. The Ministry Exercised, 14:1-40.
  - 1. Disadvantage of tongues, 1-25.  
Do not edify (7x that word appears). Judicial sign to unbel (proved by 23). Prophecy also convicts unsaved but it also builds up.
  - 2. Regulations of tongues, 26-40.  
Should edify. 2 or 3 and in turn. One interpreter for all, 27-8. If no interpreter shut up: No confusion. Women silent in general, i.e. not to lead in public worship.

Conclusion. Emphasize last verse and esp. "be done."

#### RESURRECTION REALITIES

- I. The IMPORTANCE of the Resurrection, 15:1-34.  
Matter evil, death release, res. bondage again.
  - A. In relation to gospel message, 1-11.  
So important that P has to start over with gospel. Vs. 2-1st class condition. Died for, perfect-raised. Authoritative witnesses (no women). This is 27 years after res. so witnesses young. Vs. 8-to the abortion--refers to suddenness of P's conversion.
  - B. In relation to Christ's resurrection, 12-19.  
Denial of resurrection means denial of Christ's resurrection. If no resurrection then:
    - 1. Christ not raised, 13.
    - 2. Thing preached is vain (empty), 14.
    - 3. Apostles false witnesses concerning God, 15.
    - 4. Faith is fruitless (diff. word from 14), 17a.
    - 5. Still in sins, 17b.
    - 6. Dead Christians perished because they too in sins, 18.
    - 7. No hope in this life, 19.
  - C. In relation to Christian's hope, 20-34.  
Hope necessary because sin of Adam which affects all, 20-22a.
    - 1. The consummation of hope, 22b-28.  
Christ subject in eternal state and no need for meditorial work. Will go on reigning.
    - 2. Confirmation of the hope, 29-34.
      - a. Baptism for dead, 29. Baptism as result of testimony of dead, Hebrew 11:4.
      - b. Stand in jeopardy every hour.
      - c. Right living confirms resurrection.

II. The INQUIRIES concerning the resurrection, 15:35-57.

A. What kind of body? 35-50.

P answers with illus as usual when truth hard.

1. Illus. of seed, 36-8. Death precedes resurrection of body. Harvested body and grain not identical but same kind (correspondence not identity).
2. Illus. of different kinds of flesh, 39.
3. Illus. of different between stars, moon, sun, 40-41. Incorr, glorious, powerful, spiritual, heavenly.

B. When will it take place, 51-57.

Mystery. Includes some dead and living.

III. The ISSUES of the Resurrection, 15:58--16:4

A. Grounding, 58. Become steadfast shows they were not.

B. Growing, 58. Abounding, going beyond limits.

C. Giving, 16:2. This is related to resurrection because 1st day.

1. Periodic. Adjust accounts on Sunday. Lay by not nec. at church but at home. Distribution at HS direction and may be irregular and regular, but accounting should be regular.
2. Proportionate. As God prospered. 10% may be too much for some; 50% too little for others.
3. Purposeful. In this case for saints in Jerus.
4. Pleasure. 2 Cor. 8:2; 9:7.