

Taking God at His Word
Class Notes Week 7: 08-16-15
Class Memory Verse: Eph. 4:29

GOD'S WORD IS NECESSARY

INTRO.

Through the ages we all want the same things...

- These desires create a yearning for the process that will get us this good life.
- "THE ONE" we need to know the most has made Himself known through His Word.

TEXT: 1 Cor. 2: 6-13 (Breakdown) "The MacArthur Bible Commentary"

- Holy Scripture is:
"Most Necessary;"
Needed to illuminate;
Allows us to see God, the world, and ourselves rightly;
To really know God, His will, and the way of salvation;
To live forever! John 6:68
- The Bible reveals a different kind of wisdom, comes from a different source, and tells of a different love.

1 - A DIFFERENT WISDOM

- Wisdom for the mature; (v.6)
- Not of the Evil One; (2 Cor. 4:4)
- God's wisdom is unique.
We need the things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. (v.10)

2 - A DIFFERENT SOURCE

- The thoughts of God can only be made known by the Spirit of God. (2:11)
- At the time of conversion new believers receive the Spirit of God.
- Paul teaches the unique apostolic truth he has received and has imparted to the Corinthians.
- Exactly what Jesus promised would happen in John 16:12-15.
- This is also how the apostles understood their teaching in 1 Thess. 2:13)
- The Corinthians needed the wisdom of God that could come only from the spirit of God.
- The process by which a truth passes from the mind of God to the minds of His people:
(a) The unseen things of God are undiscoverable by the natural man (v.9). (b) These Unseen things God has revealed to chosen men (vv. 10-12). C The revealed things are communicated in Spirit-taught words (v.13). This implies neither mechanical dictation

nor the effacement (erasure) of the writer's personality, but only that the Spirit infallibly guides in the choice of words, in which the revelation has been expressed, (and) are discerned, as to their true spiritual content, only by the spiritual among believers (vv. 15,16). "The Scofield Reference Bible"

- "We need the revelation of God to know God, and the only sure, saving, final, perfect revelation of God is found in Scripture." Kevin DeYoung

3 - A DIFFERENT LOVE

- God speaks:

So that we may know the unknowable;

So that we may begin to understand the "good news" of the cross;

The "good news" for the redeemed.

- Becoming spiritual is the Spirit working through The Word;
- The spiritual person understands spiritual truths (1 Cor. 2:13);
- Contrast: The natural man does not understand "the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him." (v.14)

The 4 attributes of Scripture make a huge difference in everyday life and the pursuit of godliness:

'S' Counseling is meaningful because Scripture is SUFFICIENT;

'C' Leaders can lead confidently because Scripture is CLEAR;

'A' Pastors can preach boldly because their Biblical text is AUTHORITATIVE;

'N' Evangelists can spread the Word urgently because God's Word is NECESSARY.

God's Word is final, understandable, necessary and enough.

Believers are "armed" not only to fight the fight of faith, daily, but to live the "new life" accordingly.