

Sermon Notes – November 26th, 2017

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- ⇒ Paul is writing to a church in Corinth that is riddled with problems but is _____. The root of these problems is their confidence in their own human wisdom and not the wisdom of God. As a result, they have divisions, rivalries, disorder and immorality in their midst.
- ⇒ The wisdom of God is _____ to the world, but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise and what is weak to shame the strong.
- ⇒ The Apostles are _____ who plant and water, but it is God who gives the growth. They are not to be boasted in nor should they be sources of rivalries and divisions because they are merely God's instruments who are doing His work.
- ⇒ Believers are God's building and Christ is the foundation. There is a day coming when each person's work will become manifest and each of us will be held _____ for how we build on their foundation.

Today's Text: 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

Today's text is a reminder that it is the Lord who judges, and His judgment is not according to the world's standards and wisdom. Those who live according to God's wisdom will appear to be foolish, weak, and dishonorable in the now, but God's judgment will bring everything to light.

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- ⇒ Paul and the apostles are servants of Christ and accountable to Him. Christ alone has the authority to _____ their work.
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Fools for Christ's Sake

- ⇒ The Corinthians, in their arrogance see themselves as rich kings, but the Apostles are like condemned criminals. But the wisdom of God, as revealed by the _____, is lived by following Him on the path of suffering and shame.
- ⇒ Paul embraces the criticism that he is weak and lowly and takes it further. He has become, in the eyes of the world, the scum of the world. He is a _____, in the world's eyes, for the sake of Christ.

Responding to God's Word:

- ⇒ Although it is easy for us to get caught up in the spirit of the age, we must always remember that we are servants of a crucified (and risen!) Lord. When we ask ourselves, "How am I doing?" we must seek to evaluate ourselves according to His wisdom, not the world's.
- ⇒ What we have that truly matters and will truly last is a gift from God. This should lead us not to boasting or self-righteousness, but to humility and gratitude.
- ⇒ Are we willing to be "losers" for Christ? Are we willing to seem foolish? Weak? Pathetic? We are judged by a different standard and we serve a different Lord.

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"God's Mysterious Providence"

(Ruth 1)

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