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I Cor. 14:24

Columbus

Paul is here writing to a church and is asking that they have the same mind, and that they speak the same thing. Oh they might differ on the kind of dress to wear or whether the hair is to be set or have permanent wave, or whether to use cream and sugar in the coffee or take it straight but when it came to religion they were to speak the same thing - be alike.

Some of them said "I am of Paul or I am of Appollas etc." Bro. X is my pastor, Bro. Y is mine and Bro. Z is mine. Paul would not have them back altogether on Bro. X or Y or Z but let all say "I am of Christ"

The Jews he said seek after a sign. That is they looked for Jesus to be the Messiah with temporal power to rule the governments - The Greeks sought wisdom - philosophy wanted greater one in these respects than Cicero, Seneca, Plato.

Instead we are preaching Jesus Crucified who to the Jews, instead of a temporal power, a stumbling block to Greeks - not wisdom, but foolishness.

To the critical unchristian that's all that Jesus and the church means today, the man with a sin soaked heart sees the church as a stumbling block getting in the way of his selling liquor, running a road house or what not. Foolish to be going up to the church all the time - what is the use.

But on the other hand what is Jesus to those who have received him? He is the Power of God.

a religion without a divine Savior in it is incompetent for lost erring, and sinful humanity.
What is the difference in Buddha and Jesus - Buddha has not divine - two trains each has an engine one has no fire in it the other has.

Five little words make up our text for this hour - Christ - the - Power - of - God.

How is Christ the power of God

I In His own Person - only three views about the person of Christ

a. that He was God

b. that He was man

c. that He was God in the flesh - God uncovered - God bore
shortened or that ignorant sinful man may rebuke
never made spoke as He, Daniel Webster
more man spoke these words

From cradle to grave there were not flashings of His
divinity

a. a blonde wife men came to Him

b. 12 yrs old - astonished the doctors

c. Beginning His ministry, warfare, disease, and death ^{Heaven} ~~Allegedly~~

II. In His own Character - He threw out the challenge
"which of you can convict me of sin?" And the world
with all its unbelief and blasphemy has to say with
Pilate "I find no fault in Him"

If you would look for finest form of meekness you
would not look to

a. Moses but to Jesus

For patience not to Job - but Christ (reviled and reviled not again)

For wisdom not to Sol - but Christ (never man speaks as this man)

For love not to John - but Jesus.

It is said of Mozart that he brought angels down
It is said of Beethoven that he lifted mortals up.

Jesus did both and more - He is God's way to
man - man's way to God.

III. In history - greatest teacher & power in history

IV. In human experience - Power in His presence
helps you in acid test to stand for the right. No man
has the experience of His power when he says "I hold hate
in my heart because you are doing me wrong and I
do not desire any preacher that will condemn me for it"
No man can be justified for his sin because someone
has sinned. No man is justified in not forgiving
when asked.

☐ Jesus is to be experimentally tested - He is a power
in your experience against sin.

Self, Quest for souls, P 113

Experience of Jesus in your life is power to give
souls for Jesus. man who had this property
we are not better - one slept some last night - pruned many times