

- I. Unity over Leadership (1 Cor 1-4)
  - A. Having the Mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:1-16)
    1. The Mind of Christ on Display (2:1-5)
      - a. Historical Context: Paul traveled as a preacher during the time when philosophers and sophists traveled. Philosophers and sophists gained money and support from patrons through their “wise” speech. They often gained disciples and students who were impressed with their speech and wanted to learn to be like them.
      - b. Paul’s primary message was Jesus and him crucified. This is the gospel.
      - c. But more, Paul embodied this message as much as he preached it. Paul preached as a person crucified. He was crucified so that Christ may speak. This is the cruciformed mentality, being formed like the a person on the cross. He came with “fear and trembling” talking about Jesus so that people would not think he was more important than the message. He wanted the take away to be God had revealed himself through the Spirit (pneuma) and power (dunamis).
        - i. How do we present ourselves in life? Are we more interested in people knowing us than Jesus?
    2. The Mind of Christ in Revelation (2:6-10)
      - a. Historical Context: Paul was aware of the pushback on what he was saying. Apparently, there were people in the church who were implicitly opposed to Paul’s line of thinking. They liked showy and gaudy wisdom. They liked flashiness, for their leaders to look and present their information a certain way. This is not how Paul approached his mission and preaching. They thought they were mature (teleoi) but they were sorely lacking in understanding.
      - b. The wisdom of God comes in a different way from the wisdom of the world. Those with authority are not aware of it. God ordained his wisdom to confound those who think they are wise in an effort to raise up a people wholly devoted to himself. This is why the leaders of the world killed Jesus. They were unaware that they were being embarrassed by carrying out what they thought was helping their cause.
      - c. The Spirit of God is the ultimate source of revelation. To have the mind of Christ, is to have the mentality given by the Spirit of God. We have access to revelation because of the power of Spirit of God.
    3. The Mind of Christ in Operation (2:11-16)
      - a. We gain access to the spirit world through the Christ and the Spirit. The spirits within us are made alive again. Through which, we are enabled to see what God has graciously given us.
      - b. It is this revelatory power that grants us the ability to judge everything (anakrino). We, through the Spirit, can discern and make decisions because we know the difference between good and evil. We can call out good and declare what is evil.
      - c. But if we are comparing spiritual with non-spiritual, if we are soulish (psychikos), we will look at the world and think it makes sense of God. Instead, we should look at God and make sense of the world. This is comparing what God has shown us with what God has shown us and not what we think we see with what God has shown us.
        - i. How often do we rely on Scripture to make our decisions? How often do we wait on prayer to go left or right?