

# Two Foundations

## Review

Last week we saw how the message of God's love brings judgment to those who hear it. If we believe God needed a human sacrifice to pay our sin debt before He could forgive humanity, we will build our beliefs on a much different foundation than those who perceive God is love and never kept a record of sin. We must determine for ourselves the character of God. This is why the cross.

## God's Ability

1 Corinthians 2

1 *And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, **declaring unto you the testimony of God.***

2 *For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

The testimony of God is the cross.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God

Him crucified concerns what happened at the cross.

3 *And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.*

4 *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, **but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power (q1411-ability):***

The cross manifests God's ability to forgive.

5 *That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power (q1411-ability) of God.*

Remember, the difference between wisdom and knowledge: Knowledge is an accumulation of facts, but wisdom is the understanding of how to read the facts we have. Do we use man's wisdom in defining the cross or do we let the facts speak for themselves?

## Natural Man (does not naturally understand)

1 Corinthians 2

6 *Howbeit we speak wisdom **among them that are perfect**: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to naught:*

7 *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:*

8 *Which **none of the princes of this world knew**: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

9 *But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.***

10 *But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

The spirit is demonstrated at the cross (:4). If the cross is not understood then the spirit of God has not been received.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

**14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

1 Corinthians 1

18 For **the preaching of the cross** is to them that ~~perish~~ (are perishing) foolishness; but unto us which are ~~saved~~ (being saved) it **is the power of God.**

The preaching of the cross is death to one and life to another.

## Bread and Wine

Because we do not naturally understand God's way, the first thing we need to receive is doctrinal truth, or the wine.

1 John 5

6 ... And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, **because the Spirit is truth.**

The natural result of belief of the truth is to receive God's spirit.

- 1) These are they which came out of great tribulation
- 2) have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb
- 3) Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple
- 4) he that sits on the throne shall dwell among them (or tabernacle over them)
- 5) They shall hunger no more
- 6) neither thirst anymore
- 7) neither shall the sun smite them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

After becoming doctrinally sound, we need to be emotionally healed by the nourishment of the bread of life.