

correcting carnality

1 CORINTHIANS

Sermon Series Notes



Childishness vs. Childlikeness 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

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Read 1-15

The Good: learn a lot about yourself by watching kids

- Jordan
 - Eye contact
 - Smiling
 - Even poopy diapers are shrugged off

The bad: learn about Childishness by watching kids

- Examples
 - Last time camping, ..This kids first word / mine
 - Grandson David 16 now, ..Thanks for sharing
 - The rifle butt to the head, ..Darrell did it
 - The oil line and the painted basement, ..installer mad

The Ugly: Learn about childishness watching the disciples

- Mt 18:1-4
 - **Favorite question**, ..who s the greatest
 - **Muhammad Ali** had nothing on these guys
 - Even at the last supper
 - **Jesus many times** will not answer a question the way we want Him to.
 - **Nicodemus**
 - We know you are a teacher come from God, for no one could perform, .. born again
 - **Pharisees**
 - Shall we pay taxes, ..give me a coin..(Mt 22)
 - By what authority, ..Let me ask you (Mt 21)
 - Moses said, if a man dies / 7 brothers, ..
 - In error, you don t know the scriptures
 - Or the power of God
 - **Jesus says to them**, ..Unless you change
 - These guys healed, cast out demons (Mt 10)
 - Jesus sees these 12 disciples as future Apostles
 - Luke 10 even demons submit to us, names written
 - Miracles, giftedness, charisma, **not a benchmark of maturity** In disciples or Corinthians (1 Cor.1:4-7)

- Jesus does answer the question though
 - Mt 18:4 .whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven
- Childishness /carnal
 - Prideful
 - selfish
 - Divisive
 - Won t take responsibility
- Childlikeness
 - trusting
 - non threatening / meet a 4 yr old in a dark alley
 - Not good at deceiving
 - Tremendous capacity and desire to learn
 - Humble / Jesus points to this one in Mt 18

Verse 5 Paul continues his rebuke

Humility

- What is Paul, Appollos / servants through whom you
- Paul emulating Christ
 - Look at Phil 2:6-11

Co worker with God

- Not just the field or the building but workers in the and on the building
- You guys are Gods field, building
 - Responsibility

Example: Jim O is Pastoral overseer of children s ministry

- Two things I know
 - He is called to be co-worker in that part of Gods field
 - I am not

Carnality is content just to be the field, or bldg

Verse 10 Paul; an expert builder, (KJV) wise master builder

- Only one foundation, ..Jesus,
- The foundation and chief Cornerstone
- Being careful how you build
- Work tried by fire

Example: my father and the Boothbay Lobstermen

- Foundation had to be right
- The whole bldg. would have slipped into the sea

Peter, and John, These guys are encouraging to me

Peter would not be able to build on the foundation of Christ before the cross, .His materials of wood, hay, and straw

- Prideful
- Impetuous
- Blunt
- Zealous
- Independent

In Mt 16 , .Peter rebukes the Lord

Peter rebukes the Lord: .but Look at what he had seen Jesus do

1. He filled his boat with fish
2. He healed his Mother in law
3. Healed the paraplegic
4. Caperniam was His headquarters and stayed at Peter s house
5. Chosen as disciple and inner core
6. Heard most of the parables
7. Seen Jesus calm a ferocious storm
8. Jairus daughter brought back to life
9. Been sent out to do similar things as Jesus
10. Feeding of 5,000 / 4,000
11. Jesus walked on water
12. Father revealed Jesus as Christ, Savior, .Messiah

But wait , . There s more / In Jn 13, He says no to Jesus when Jesus wanted to wash his feet

1. Now Jesus has been transfigured before Him
2. And God the Father has spoken there
3. Raised Lazarus from the dead

Something in Peter needed radical surgery:

- eye gouge
- hand cut off
- **The wisdom of the cross was the remedy**

And consider John, He witnessed the same things as Peter

- Luke 9 tells those casting out demons to stop
- Luke 9 Do You want us to call down fire on Samaritan .
- Mt 20 gets mom to ask if and his brother can sit @ R & L

Before the cross John;

- Was intolerant and exclusive
- Overly ambitious
- A Fiery zealot

Something happened to John

- Somewhere between Calling down fire, and J.C. last breath on X
 - John understood he was the disciple Jesus loved
 - Not just him but his personal revelation
- Not sure if it was the mocking of the crowd
- Jesus saying take care of my mother

- Or when he said to the thief, today you'll be with me .
 - It would take the reality of the resurrection to complete John's heart transplant

But after Pentecost;

- After the church is born
- After Peter's own childlike transformation and 1st sermon /3000
- After the first persecution of the church
- Peter & John go their 1st mission trip to Samaria
- And John is bringing fire of a different kind as they begin to build on the only foundation, Jesus Christ

Read Verses 16-23

Paul has been speaking about the corp. bldg.

- Shifts gears to talk about us as individual temples of God
- With all kinds of things we could say about taking care of it
 - Plugged in
 - Acts 2:42 model / Word, fellowship, bread, prayer
 - Eating / exercise

My heart /There needs to be a continual embracing of the cross

- Overjoyed when we find out Jesus paid our debt
 - Took my sins
 - Frees us from all kinds of worldly activity
 - Not so thrilled with ongoing sanctification

Back to Mt 18:8

After salvation Jesus continues to confront our carnality

- Many times there seems to be that 1 thing that he will not leave alone, .it keeps us in that baby state / not pretty
 - Usually a self centered stronghold we're unwilling
 - Handling money, Living together
 - Alcohol , Drug, & prescription med addiction
 - Selfish ambition, Fits of rage
 - Jealousy, divisiveness
 - Unfaithfulness to your spouse

Paul echoes Jesus words Unless you Change

- You're destroying God's temple, He will destroy You

Paul and Jesus speaking by the H.S. use words that assault us

- The warning is stern, .the language is repugnant

We started with the ridiculous picture of a larger than life baby bottle

We end with the paradoxical language of the Cross