

As we continue in John, it is amazing how much Christ has taught and yet some of these people still aren't getting it. Some are understanding His speech, some are not.

Speech- lalia- talk: - saying, speech.

This is a thought provoking question. Why do ye not understand my speech? These self-righteous Jews would be very offended here. A very prideful and self-righteous person is highly offended when questioned, and are even more so when they aren't able to give an answer. We will see in verse 48 that they don't give an answer because they don't have an answer to give so they begin to make accusations; they start name calling. They do this to get the emphasis off of them. The more they talk the more it is made manifest what Christ is teaching here.

Verse 43- hear- to hear to comprehend.

This speaks of continuous or repeated action. Notice what they were not hearing.

verse 43- "my word".

word- logos-

They were not hearing Christ's words. They were not understanding His teachings. They did not comprehend what Christ said.

These men were not deaf; they were not unlearned; they surely were not stupid; these men were brilliant. They knew the traditions of men. They knew the first five books of the Bible. These were educated men. Some of these men today we would call them doctors of theology. They knew some things. But they didn't comprehend what Christ was saying. Since they couldn't comprehend His Word, His Word was not profitable to them.

What they saw in the words of Jesus was restrictions; reprimands; and ridiculousness. They didn't see a need for it and they were not hungry for it. It was not profitable to them.

I Corinthians 2:6-14.

verse 12- that we might know- the things which are freely given to us of God.

which are freely given to us- this is what God willingly gives to us.

verse 13- which things also we speak-

The things which Paul is speaking of here is the Word of God. Go back and look at what the Holy Ghost teacheth. verse 12; verse 11; verse 10.

God speaks to us today through His Word.

Hebrews 1:1, 2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

All who are saved has received the Holy Spirit. At the moment of salvation He seals us and takes up residence inside of us. He gives us unction. All who are saved are given unction because all who are saved have the Holy Spirit.

I John 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

The all things here isn't speaking of math, science, etc... but of the Word of God. This doesn't mean that we are all instant theologians, but rather that the Holy Spirit reveals truth to us from the Word of God as we study the Word of God and as we hear it taught.

Verse 14- natural man is the lost man. The lost man does not have the Holy Spirit living inside of him therefore he doesn't have unction to understand the Word of God. He may grow in knowledge, but he doesn't grow spiritually. What he is learning is not transforming his life. This person may have a status change, but no heart change. After a while the Word becomes foolishness to him.

Verse 14- spiritually- by the assistance of the Holy Spirit.

We discern the Word of God by the assistance of the Holy Spirit. We understand none of the Word of God without the assistance of the Holy Spirit. Without the assistance of the Holy Spirit the Word of God is foolishness to us. This means that God gets all the honour and glory.

Matthew 16:13-17.

While Jesus walked this earth with His disciples He would explain the Scriptures unto them; but the plan of God meant that Christ would die the substitutionary death on the cross for all who had been and would be saved; then He would ascend back to heaven and be seated at the right hand of God.

John 14:15-18

John 16:5-16

Isn't it great that God would give us the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we could understand His Word and that He would lead, guide, and direct us according to His Word; praise God. Isn't it great to have fellowship with the brethren and love for the brethren because all believers have the Holy Spirit living inside of us? This is great.

Our irritation comes in when we are witnessing to others; especially our family members. We may want to grab them and shake them and ask them why they don't see what we see in the Word of God, but we must remember, only the Lord can open up their eyes. We must remember that man is born totally depraved. This magnifies the inability of man. Mankind is born spiritually dead. We are born dead to the things of God. Only the Lord can awaken us.

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

No one will come to Jesus Christ unless God first draws them. Remember, lost people are spiritually dead. Have you ever tried reasoning with a dead person? Have you ever tried making a dead person understand the Scriptures?

It is a one way conversation. It doesn't matter how sincere you are, they "cannot" hear. It is the same way spiritually. Simply look back at your own life. Isn't it amazing how God began to open up your eyes and ears so that you were able to hear the Word and see your need for Jesus Christ. This is a working of God's free grace in your life.

John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Notice this word "heard". It is the same Greek word used in our opening verse, John 8:43. The difference here is that these in John 6:45 have heard and have understood, therefore they come unto Jesus Christ. Those in John 8:43 have not heard nor understood, therefore they are not coming unto Jesus Christ for salvation.

We have understanding because of God. We have nothing to glory in. He gets all the honour and the glory.

Here is where the question comes up, when and who are we to witness to? We are to witness to everyone at every opportunity we have. We are to proclaim the gospel to all.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

We are to proclaim the gospel to all, but we cannot make any one understand the gospel. This is a working that only God can do. We are to proclaim the gospel, and live as evidence of one whom hath heard and received the gospel by faith. We are to be lights, not baseball bats, to the lost. If you are saved it is because the Lord hath opened your eyes and ears so that you could see and hear and believe on Him. We mustn't do the work of the Holy Spirit because we can't. Our job is to proclaim Jesus. One plants, one waters, and only God gives the increase. Point all to Jesus Christ.

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Praise God if He has saved you. Do Kingdom work. To God be the glory.