Corinth: a church in conflict

Lesson #4

Chapter 1 verse 10 – chapter 4:21

More medicines for an ailing church Chapter 2/1-16

Power in the Pulpit

- 1) We must preach about the right person 2/1-5 (See side sheet
 - What the death of Christ accomplished.)
 - a) We need the right approach verse 1,4 (Acts 17:22-34)
 - i) dependency
 - b) We need the right attitude verse 3 (2 Peter 2:1-3, 18-22)
 - i) humility
 - c) We need the right aim verse 5 (Romans 1:16)
 - i) Dynamically (Power)
- 2) We must preach for God's purpose 2/6-9
 - a) We speak God's wisdom not man's verse 6
 - b) We speak things hidden to the sinner but revealed to saints verse 7-9
 - i) They are foolish to the sinner
 - (1) 1 Corinthians 1/23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness...
 - (2) 1 Peter 4/4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you*.
 - ii) They are fantastic to the saint-verse 9.
- 3) We must preach with God's power (by his spirit) 2/10-16
 - a) The Spirit is in charge of revelation 2/10-11
 - i) How well do you know yourself
 - ii) How well does God know Himself
 - b) The Spirit is in charge of inspiration 2/12-13
 - c) The Spirit is in charge of illumination 2/14-16
 - i) There are two kinds of people verses 14-16
 - (1) Natural verse 14

- (a) He cannot receives spiritual things (Ephesians 4:18; Jeremiah 5:4)
- (b) He cannot value spiritual things -
- (c) He cannot know spiritual things
- (2) Spiritual Verse 15-16
 - (a) He has spiritual discernment
 - (b) He is misunderstood by the world
 - (c) He has the mind of Christ