

Meditations on the Message

Sunday: January 10, 2016; Christ Alone.

Text: **1 Corinthians 1:1-18**

Re-read the above text and consider the following thoughts and questions:

The church is a community of set apart followers of Jesus who have been called into existence by God through the power of the gospel – they have heard the good news, believed in Jesus and called upon the name of the Lord. They have been set apart as holy (sanctified) in order to be made holy (saints).

How has the gospel formed (created) the church community? (consider Rom. 1:16)

How is the gospel continuing to form the church community?

How should calling Jesus “*Lord*,” and relating to Him as such, generate life patterns that reflect that relationship? (1 Cor. 1:2)

The church has been resourced (enriched) with every gift as it waits for the return of *The Gift* – the Lord Jesus Christ.

Does the supply of spiritual gifts, and the enriching of the body, fall on a few (the leaders) or the whole (the community)? How important is every part, and how does that play out in attitudes and actions toward one-another in the Christ-community. Is there really anyone in the body of Christ that’s more important than another?

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

How confident are you in God’s faithfulness to complete the work that He began in you?

How confident are you in your own faithfulness to complete the work that God began in you?

How does God’s faithfulness influence your dependence upon Him today; and play out in your practical faith-obedience? (How does the security influence the participation in the Divine?)

Dividing up over personalities in the church is detrimental to the testimony concerning Jesus (He isn’t divided), and disastrous to the unity of believers (quarreling is the inevitable outcome).

How does the church build itself up in the faith *in Jesus*?

Is God...is Jesus...is the good news... big enough to remained united around?

What part does each member play as we seek to keep the unity of the Spirit?