

Sermon Study Questions

Sunday, October 29, 2023

1. Read 1 Cor.4:1-7
2. Paul identifies pride as being the source of the divisions among the Corinthians. In his book *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis says that “Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next person. We say that people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good-looking, but they are not. They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better-looking than others. If everyone else became equally rich, or clever, or good-looking there would be nothing to be proud about.” How does this truth about pride lead to division in the church and division among the brethren?
3. Much of their pride came about as a result of their allegiances to men like Paul or Apollos or Peter. Paul addresses this by telling them how they should think of him and the other leaders in the church, that they should regard them as “servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.” What does that refer to? Why is it important for the modern church to think this way about church leaders?
4. Paul says that it matters very little to him what they think about him. What does he mean by that?
5. Paul also says it doesn’t matter to him what he thinks of himself, saying, “I don’t even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but by this I am not acquitted.” Describe what Paul is saying there. How does this fly in the face of what our therapeutic society says?
6. It is critical that you as a Christian think about yourself and other Christians in light of God’s verdict about you and about each one of His people. What is God’s verdict about you and about each and every Christian? What is His verdict based upon?
7. Practically speaking, why is it important for you to think about yourself and arrive at a verdict about yourself that coincides with the verdict God has given about you? Be practical and specific.
8. Practically speaking, why is it important for you to think about other Christians and arrive at a verdict about them that coincides with the verdict God has given about them? Be practical and specific.
9. What practical application can you make from this text/sermon?
10. Pray!

Q. 98. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments, which were delivered by the voice of God upon mount Sinai and written by him in two tables of stone; and are recorded in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. The four first commandments containing our duty to God, and the other six our duty to man.

Deut. 10:4; Ex. 34:1-4; Matt. 22:37-40.