Your Frame of Reference

Tony Mauck · 1 Corinthians 2:1–16

INTRODUCTION

- Men assess things differently on the basis of where they are coming from. Where are you coming from?
- You see, it all depends on your frame of reference.

1 Paul's Heavenly Message: The Source of His Message

1 Corinthians 2:1–5; 1 Corinthians 14:37

- This, therefore, is Paul's heavenly message, divine solutions for a troubled church.
- Paul would say later in 1 Corinthians chapter 14, the things I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.
- It's not about me, it's about the message that I delivered.
- For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.
- That your faith should not rest in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

2 God's Wisdom in a Mystery

1 Corinthians 2:6–9

- But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery. The hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory.
- For if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- God overpowered his enemies, even used them to accomplish his great purposes for us.
- Natural man could not discover, uncover, or even conceive what God was going to do.

3 God Revealed Them Through the Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:10–13

- The greatest treasure of all. God's plan to redeem man. The map to it can only be brought to us by the Holy Spirit. Only through revelation.
- For to us God revealed them through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.
- The only way you can know my thoughts, and I can know your thoughts, is if you tell them to me.
- These words come from a divine source. The Holy Spirit has revealed them to us.

4 The Natural Man Does Not Accept the Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:44; Jude 19

- But the natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God.

- Here is a man who does not walk by faith, but indeed walks by sight.
- If your frame of reference is completely natural, then you're not going to get it. Because these things are spiritually appraised.
- They are worldly minded and devoid of the spirit. So that's who the natural man is.
- Don't listen to the worldly wisdom.

5 Let Us Be Spiritual

1 Corinthians 2:15–16; Psalm 73; Hebrews 9:27

- Here is the spiritual man's frame of reference. He is able to judge and properly assess all things for what they really are.
- When I came to the sanctuary of God, then I perceived their end.
- It's appointed a man once to die. But after this, the judgment.
- We judge all things by the will and mind of God.
- We're here to serve God and do his will, our creator.
- We have the mind of Christ.

THE CHALLENGE

Are we going to go out there this afternoon and the rest of this week, Lord willing, with a spiritual frame of reference? Are we going to allow the Holy Spirit to govern our thinking and our conduct?

MY NOTES