

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: "God's Gracious Work Among Us"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:20-25

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INTRODUCTION

*"Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature."
(1 Corinthians 14:20)*

DESIRE - Do you honestly and _____ desire to grow in Christ-likeness?

Proverbs 2:3-7 -

HUMILITY - Are you willing to admit and _____ those areas where you lack maturity?

1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Peter 5:5b -

PRAYER - Are you _____ to bring your immature desires and actions to God in prayer?

Psalm 119:18 -

TRUTH - Are you _____ putting yourself in the way of truth?

John 17:17; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 4:12 -

SUBMISSION - Will you _____ submit yourself to God's wisdom, to Christ's example?

1 Corinthians 11:1; 14:37-38 -

I. GOD WITH US... GOD GRACIOUSLY WORKING AMONG US!!!

A. Verses 21-22: Unbelieving Israel

Note: The blessing and favor of God was/is NOT seen in strange, unintelligible language but in the simple, _____, beautiful, glorious revelation of Himself!

B. Verses 23: Unbelievers in General

Note: There are reasons why unbelievers should probably think that we're a little crazy, AND there are other situations where it would be _____ (to us) for unbelievers to think we're nuts.

C. Verses 24-25: The Best Thing about Being a Part of God's People

Note: God is both the _____ and glory of the Gospel; we get to share in His grace and His goodness!

Note: The same Holy Spirit that empowers the believer _____ the unbeliever!

Hebrews 4:12-13; John 16:8-11 -

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What are some ways you can fulfill the command of verse 20 to be mature in your thinking? What are some key components of growth and maturity in the Christian life?
2. Why does Paul quote from Isaiah 28? How is that relevant to what was happening in Corinth and how they were using/abusing the gift of tongues?
3. In Paul's hypothetical scene in verse 23, why would an unbeliever think that the Corinthians were crazy? What are some acceptable and unacceptable reasons why an unbeliever may think Christians are out of their minds?
4. How does prophecy (speaking forth the word of God) benefit the unbeliever (verses 24-25)?
5. Can you think of and describe a time when you've been blessed, encouraged, strengthened, and/or convicted by another believer speaking truth into your life?