

Communion Meditation

1 Cor 2.1-10a Hidden Wisdom September 24th, 2017

Similarities With Unbelievers

- There is much that we share with unbelievers
 - Much “wisdom of men” is helpful to mankind
 - C. S. Lewis once said “We all want go sewers”
- Most of us live day to day in the wisdom of this world

Dissimilarities With Unbelievers

- Paul did not ~ v2 – “For I determine not to know .. Him crucified”
 - Paul chose to focus exclusively on the dissimilarities
- Paul shunned using “persuasive words of human wisdom” (v4)
 - Human wisdom in itself is not evil ~ tent making wisdom

Wisdoms Contrasted

- v6 ~ “not the wisdom of this age .. coming to nothing”
 - Wisdom of most ages eventually comes to nothing
 - Many patents of ideas aren’t developed
 - Beach boots, cricket gun, ear bud anchors, hurricane bed
- Much human wisdom is useful, helpful
 - But only human wisdom is ultimately foolishness
- v7 ~ “hidden wisdom .. our glory”
- v8 ~ “none of the rulers of this age knew”
 - “rulers” / Today’s rulers include scientists and experts

Hidden Wisdom Revealed

- Read v9 ~ “Eye has not seen .. who love them”
- Read v2 ~ “I determined not .. Him crucified”
- Hidden wisdom points to an eternal future
 - Human wisdom sees death as THE END
 - Hidden wisdom sees death as THE BEGINNING

Paul always emphasized & lived in light of HIDDEN wisdom
We must live like him to maintain lives of hope