

Welcome friends to another broadcast of “Morsels for Zion’s Poor”

Paul exhorts the saints at Corinth to be mindful of how they conduct themselves when they assemble together, for as he reminds them that GOD is not the *“Author of confusion.”* When the saints are assembled together under the SPIRIT’s leadership they will not go about it in a haphazard manner. In their quest to produce this in the flesh, they have invented man made liturgies, prescribed and prearranged orders of services, and other measures designed to suit their religious tastes. It is thought by many that this will insure order, when in reality all that it usually does is cause men to confuse religious traditions with true spiritual worship.

This has led to the factionalizing of GOD’s people into this sect or that, primarily based upon the notions and preferences of men with little scriptural foundation, yet each little sect is convinced that they are the only ones who are operating in true biblical order. There is an “order” which is found in all gatherings of those who meet together in the power of HIS SPIRIT. It is the only “order” which is of importance and when it is found, one will find men truly “gathered in HIS NAME.” This is the only “order” which is directed by HIS SPIRIT. *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”*

There is room for only ONE NAME to be glorified in this “order” wrought by the SPIRIT of GOD. If all things are done decently and in order then CHRIST and CHRIST alone must be magnified in that assembly. This order is not concerned with how many songs are sung, or if any songs are sung, what the tempo is, what the tune is or how the music is produced. It is not concerned with who speaks or what credentials he might or might not have. It is not concerned with who does what or when they do it. This “order” is concerned that CHRIST be lifted up and men be humbled in the dust of adoring wonder at HIS MAJESTY and redemptive work.

There is only ONE HEAD and ONE worthy of honor of any type, when the SPIRIT leads men. This order does not provide a place of display wherein men might perform or demonstrate their skills and talents. There is no place to be found for any who seek to have “preeminence”. This order demands that *“he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.”* To seek or desire honor among the saints is to seek to rob HIM who alone is worthy of such honor. *“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”*

When things are done decently and in order, then the TRUTH of CHRIST will be declared by that same SPIRIT which the LORD said would guide HIS people into it. Preaching CHRIST is not the product of a man’s education or position but rather a demonstration of the power of GOD which cannot be overturned. Men often confuse, eloquence, long windedness, flights of fancy in interpretation, and certain styles of delivery as being of the “proper order” of this preaching. Yet the only “order” which the SPIRIT of GOD is the AUTHOR of is the declaration of JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified. By the same token men often confuse a man’s calling or office among the saints as being important in defining who it is that might “preach”. Yet the LORD is pleased to use even the weakest of the saints for the edification of the body as it pleases HIM. Some sects believe that high levels of formal education are needful for those who would “minister” to the saints of GOD. Others decry such “education” and even glory in having little of it. The SPIRIT of GOD does not need the “talents” and education of men anymore than HE promotes their ignorance or gives them reason to glory in such. *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”* This is proper order among the assembly of the saints.

Proper order recognizes the HEADSHIP of CHRIST which is demonstrated in HIS being, both *“the AUTHOR and FINISHER of our faith.”* *“For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell: And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.”* So to sum it all up, proper order is demonstrated when CHRIST alone is glorified, when the exploits, talents, and deeds of men are forgotten. It is manifested when CHRIST and HIM crucified is the sole message declared from the lips of those who would claim to preach the everlasting gospel. *“Sir, we would see Jesus.”*

“Thy free grace alone,” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**