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“What If”

Sermonic Text: “I Corinthian2: 14-15”

- There are many thoughts that could follow the phrase “What If “...we have all had those ‘What If’ personal moments!!!
- This topic however refers to Paul’s letter to the Church at Corinth ...a people in an ancient city in Greece...a prominent Greek metropolis (like the United States...the most prosperous country of our time.
- Corinth like many cities of prosperity (like the U.S.A.) was said to be intellectual, arrogant, materialistic, affluent and morally corrupt.
- Paul’s writing indicates that we are two persons (**I see a third**)...spirit man and natural man who co-exist in God’s plan :

- **Spirit Man (I Cor. 1:2) – Read**

The Spirit Man is identified as the regenerated person...one who has the Holy Spirit. This person is spiritually minded and thinks the thoughts of God... (**I Cor. 2:11-13) -Read**

- **Natural Man –(I Cor. 2:14) - Read**

The Natural Man refers to the unregenerate or fleshy person, one governed by mere natural instincts. This person does not have the Holy Spirit; is under the dominion of Satan and enslaved to the body and its passion. And lives by the Spirit of God.. (**2 Peter 2:12) – Read**

- **Spirit Man to the second power –**

What I am referring to is the basis of what Paul wrote the letter to the Church of Corinth...the “duality of man” occurring in the church of Corinth – (**Romans 8: 4-17) – Read**

Corinth’s “What If”:

- The church is as one body of Christ and should not be split into separate parts. When a person accepts Christ in their life they are a

new creature; but they retain the sinful nature (natural man). The sinful nature cannot be made good; it must be put to death and overcome...kill it daily!!!

- What if :
 - they cannot deny themselves daily;
 - they cannot remove every hindrance;
 - they cannot resist the sinful inclinations
 - they cannot continually wage war against the sinful nature, kill it, put it to death daily

If the spirit man cannot put that carnal side to death; then you have the situation that was the reason for Paul's letter to the Church of Corinth...spiritual men and women living in unspiritual ways... a church divided.

- They were not living in constant disobedience; they were in a process of compromising with the world, the flesh, and the devil...while still wanting to remain a part of the people of God!
- If they continued down this path they ultimately would pay the ultimate price – **(I Cor. 6: 9-12) –Read**

Paul's Message:

- Paul sharing concerning his knowledge of what the Church of Corinth was gambling - **(I Cor. 6: 9-12) –Read**
- If they are in right relationship with God anything great is liable to happen at any moment to receptive men...especially if they were members of a united devoted Christian Fellowship.
- Paul's truth is illustrated in the lives and character of men and women; when God is given an opportunity to deal with a human soul, things that have been thought possible or unconceivable are likely to happen.

The possibilities of “What If”...”What If “ God lived a “What If” existence like many of us do...”WHAT IF”:

- Jesus decided not to come to this sin sick world;
- Jesus did not perform miracles;
- Jesus refused to go to the cross;
- Jesus did not die from the six to ninth hour;
- Jesus was not buried in a borrowed tomb, and he would not have been able to rise up the third day morning with all power in his hands;
- Jesus decided not to pay the price for our salvation;

- God couldn't take time to bless us today because we could not take time to thank him today;
- God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today;
- God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day;
- We never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain;
- God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for His people;
- God took away the bible because we would not read every day;
- God took away His messenger because we would not listen to His message;
- God met our needs the way we give Him our lives;
- God didn't answer our prayers the way we answer His call to service (s);
- The door to the church was closed because we did not open the door of our hearts;
- God would not hear us today because we did not listen to him yesterday;
- We stopped telling God how big our storm is ; instead of telling our storm instead of telling our storm how be God is:
- We knew what God knew, saw what God saw, could do what God does...would we be God;
- God had not chosen us because we did not choose Him!!!!

Well saints he did!!

Close: (John 15:16) - Read

What if all saints God... lived right...had a right relationship with God and brought in one fruit from the vineyard..."WHAT IF">>>>>>>>>

What if God came back yesterday; what eternity would you be experiencing today...heaven or hell??????????????????

“Always make your recreation a re-creation!”