



## “Letters to the Corinthians” Study Notes

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### Lesson 4: Know nothing except...

#### 1 Corinthians 2:1-6

Read Romans 3:21-26. What characteristic of God has the Law and Prophets (that would be the Old Testament) born witness to the truth of? What two things has every single person done?

For all who believe through faith in Jesus (verse 22), what is done for them in verse 24? Is this something that is earned? If not earned, what happens to our boasting? What does “propitiation” mean? (Google it...or go to Ligonier ministries and look for the article “What do **Expiation** and **Propitiation** Mean?”)

How does Christ’s propitiation (verse 25) show God’s righteousness? How, then, is God able to be both just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. How does this one little verse tell us the whole Gospel message? What does this, as well as the passage above in Romans, tell us about how serious our sin is?

Read 1 Timothy 4:7-10. What should we have nothing to do with? What, instead, should be our goal? What is the value of striving for this goal?

Read Acts 20:26-32. Paul was addressing the elders of a church in this passage, yet the warning is one we would do well to take heed for our own lives.

What price has God paid for His church? Why does that matter? What does Paul say that he expects to happen after he departs from this church (two things)?

Because of this, what does Paul caution them to do? What hope does Paul leave them with?

As you spend time in prayer today, ask yourself what you are drawn to: Christ, or the trappings of the church itself? Are you drawn to the people, to the experience, or are you drawn to learn and know more about your Savior?

Knowing how important it is to be able to discern a false gospel from the saving Gospel, ask God to help you to understand, more every day, the truth of the Gospel. Ask God to help you to desire what He desires, and to be sated on what He provides in the true Gospel. Examine yourself and, if you find that you are

more concerned with/interested in aspects of the body of Christ that have nothing to do with the Gospel, with holiness or with love for the things God loves, consider whether this may be a sin that you are holding on to. Ask God to help you, above all, to see clearly, not with the wisdom of men, but with the wisdom that only comes from Him, as you continue to grow and learn more about the God you serve, and what He requires of you.