

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday April 2, 2017

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

WISDOM FROM THE SPIRIT

Lord's Table

Benediction

“You may by your own efforts make yourselves the best of natural men. You may become the most patriotic of statesmen, you may become the most sober and discreet of moralists, you may become the kindest and most benevolent of philanthropists, but into a spiritual man you cannot bring yourself. Do what you will, and still at your very best there is a division wide as eternity between you and the regenerate man. How, then, is it to be done? The Spirit of God alone can do it.... The Spirit of God must make you new - you must be born again!”

- C.H. Spurgeon

Missionary of the Week

FEB Montreal – Brad and Emily Morrice

“Frederick, the young writer who you might recall we baptized last year, was speaking about our church to a friend of his named Maude who is a journalist. Because Christianity is seen as a bygone relic here, the idea of a vibrant Church filled with people in their 20s and 30s was completely fascinating to her. She ended up attending one of our Sunday gatherings and wrote about her experience in an article. Commenting on the stories that several people from our Church shared with her Maude writes: *‘Despite these intriguing words, worshipping God still seems to me a backward step to childhood. But at the same time... wasn’t childhood a time full of love and fulfillment? Who knows. Maybe all this love I have to give but don’t know what to do with is actually found in a spiritual being.’* It made me smile because that’s exactly the reaction we hope skeptical non-believers will have after visiting; that although they might not believe in God, they would feel profoundly unsettled by their experience so they can’t help but wonder: ‘What if it’s true?’”

Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

- Monday** Gibbs, Linda
- Tuesday** Gilbert, Roger & Natasha
 Abigail, Sabrina
- Wednesday** Goulet, Don
- Thursday** Gyugyei, Hilda & Andy
- Friday** Harris, Joe & Doreen
- Saturday** Jean, Dorothy

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Friday: Youth Group – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:30 am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

Easter Weekend: Good Friday Service will be held at Rosedale, April 14th at 10:30am with a luncheon to follow. If you are staying for lunch please choose an item to bring from the foyer. On Easter Sunday there will be a breakfast served at 9am before the service. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend. Because of Easter breakfast there will be no Sandwich Sunday next week and no Christian Foundations on Easter Sunday.

Church Membership: The next membership class will begin on Sunday April 23rd at 6:30pm. If you would like to learn more about Church Membership please speak to Pastor John.

Believer's Baptism: We are in the process of planning our next Baptismal service. If you are a believer who has not yet been baptized by immersion please speak to Pastor John.

Christian Foundations: We will begin a new session of Christian Foundations on Sunday April 9th and will be studying the Sermon on the Mount. Christian Foundations is our Adult Sunday School class and everyone is encouraged to attend each Sunday morning at 9:00am.

Wisdom from the Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

I. The Recipients of God's Wisdom - v. 6a

- 1) Wisdom from God vs. Wisdom of the World
 - a. In the previous chapter Paul spoke tongue-in-cheek about the 'foolishness of God' (1:18, 25)
 - b. Paul will now speak plainly to Christians about the nature of genuine wisdom from God
- 2) God's Wisdom Belongs to the 'Mature'
 - a. Mature (*teleios*) = those who are complete
 - b. In this context Paul uses the word 'mature' to refer to any person indwelt by the Holy Spirit (*ie.* the 'spiritual person' mentioned in v. 15)
 - i. In one sense every Christian is already 'mature' and complete in Christ
 - ii. In another sense every Christian is still in the process of becoming what he/she already is

Application:

- Regardless of what the non-believing world says we Christians are not 'fools', and the gospel we proclaim is not a 'foolish' message – it is divine wisdom from God!
- Do not sell out to the 'wisdom' of our culture because you desire to be accepted by those who do not understand or believe the truth. This was a problem in ancient Corinth and it remains a temptation for us today.

II. The Nature of God's Wisdom – v. 6b-10

- 1) What God's Wisdom is not:
 - a. It does not belong to 'this age' (v. 6)
 - i. Scripture divides history into two 'ages':
 - 'This age' –the world around us in it's fallen, sinful and broken condition
 - The 'Age to come' – the Kingdom of God
 - ii. Through Jesus Christ and His Church the 'age to come' has already broken into 'this age'
 - b. It is not embraced by the 'rulers of this age' (v.6)
 - i. The rulers/Kingdoms of 'this age' are guided by worldly wisdom (*cf.* James 3:13-18)

- ii. The murder of Jesus by these historical rulers is given as proof (*cf.* Psalm 2; Acts 7:51-53)
- 2) What God's Wisdom is:
 - a. It is a 'mystery' that God 'has hidden' (v. 7)
 - i. In Paul's theology a 'mystery' is not a puzzle to figure out, but something hidden that is later revealed (*cf.* Ephesians 3:4-6)
 - ii. 'Hidden' –perfect tense in Greek indicates that the hiddenness of God's wisdom is ongoing (*cf.* Mark 4:10-12; Matthew 11:25-26)
 - b. It is 'predestined' (v. 7)

The cross of Christ was never 'Plan B' – it is and always has been 'Plan A!' (*cf.* Rev. 13:8)
 - c. It is 'revealed' (vv. 9-10)

Isaiah 64:4 demonstrates man's inability to see God's hidden wisdom in Jesus Christ

III. The Revelation of God's Wisdom – vv. 10-16

- 1) The Agent of Revelation: The Holy Spirit (vv 10-12)
 - a. Nobody can access divine wisdom apart from revelation of the Holy Spirit (*cf.* Job 28)
 - b. Only God's Spirit can discern God's mind.
- 2) The Instrument of Revelation: Scripture (v. 13)

God used the Apostles to impart 'spiritual truth with spiritual words' (*cf.* 2 Peter 1:19-21)
- 3) The Outcome of Revelation: Discernment of Truth
 - a. Natural Person (*psychikos*)
 - i. Does not accept God's truth (Rom 3:9-20)
 - ii. Cannot understand God's truth (Eph 4:18)
 - b. Spiritual Person (*pneumatikos*)

Has the mind of Christ (v. 16 *cf.* Isaiah 40:13)

Application:

- The Natural Person cannot 'reason' or 'think' their way into God's Kingdom. Christianity is 'faith seeking to understand', not 'understanding seeking faith'.
- God's Spirit speaks through God's Word to create saving faith in the hearts of the 'called' (*cf.* 1:22-23, 26-28). Share the Word of God boldly and pray that the Holy Spirit will enable lost people to see and believe!