Cracks In The Foundation?

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INTRODUCTION

- But each must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- If the foundation is of Jesus, then what is going on the foundation needs to fit the foundation.
- Could it be that within our world and our society today that there are cracks developing in that foundation?

1 The Concept of Postmodernism

1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Corinthians 7:10–13

- A modernist approach simply says that you can know what is true through your power of observation and by your reasoning abilities.
- A postmodern approach is, well, there are actually the possibilities of many truths, and depending on the context in which you live, you may come about to a different conclusion.
- Now I exhort you, brethren, that you all agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you may be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.
- A postmodern argument would say, tailor the message so that it will fit with the culture which it is. Paul's saying, here is the truth. And I am teaching this in every city that I go.
- He's applying what Jesus said, but to a different circumstance that Jesus did not talk about.
- It's the same truth. It's just applied in different circumstances.

2 The Idea of Progressive Revelation

Galatians 1:8; John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 4:17

- More and more believers today believe that we all receive direct revelation from God.
- My faith and my practices are determined on a daily basis by how has the Spirit led me. That's the thought that I'm getting to.
- Be diligent to present yourself, approved to God as a workman, who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.
- Paul doesn't say to Timothy, now let the Spirit lead you into whatever revelation the Spirit wants to give you. Go back to the Word.
- If the Spirit gave the Word, which we firmly believe, then the Spirit's not going to contradict what he gave in the Word.

3 We Want to Be Relevant

1 Corinthians 2:2

- Oftentimes relevancy will only come, though, at least in our minds and society's mind, if it forsakes truth.
- If society's thinking on that changes, the temptation for believers is, okay, dampen down that message or kind of put it back in the closet so you don't talk about it and so that you're still relevant.
- Determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. That's relevant.
- If all we're after is relevancy, then there will be cracks in the foundation.
- That must come with love and mercy and grace. But we cannot forsake the foundation.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You can be saved by believing in him, repenting of your wrongs, by being baptized to have your sins forgiven. Not because that's what I say or what this church teaches, but because it's what Jesus Himself said. And that's relevant.**

MY NOTES