Faith That Has a Resting Place

Ken Chapman · 1 Corinthians 2:1–12

INTRODUCTION

- Faith is fundamental, foundational, and essential to our Christian lives.
- My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
- We want to examine whether or not our faith is truly in that in which it should be.

1 Blindly Hanging On to Man-Made Traditions

John 9:6–14; Acts 18:24–26; Acts 17:10–11

- The first danger that we should avoid is just simply blindly hanging on to man-made traditions.
- They had faith in their man-made tradition so much and so strongly that they could not believe the message of God when it was clearly presented to them.
- And so you see, it's not enough to have faith.
- Why do I believe what I believe? Do I believe what I believe and practice what I practice and go to church where I go to church because that's what my parents taught me.
- Aquila and Priscilla heard him and they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.
- They received the word with all readiness and search the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

2 Seeking to Be Different Just to Be Different

1 John 2:24; 2 John 6

- There is no nobility in holding on to long held beliefs if they're shown to be wrong. But neither is there nobility in rejecting a long held belief.
- I'm tired of things being done the way they've been done, and I want to change them. Not because there's some biblical evidence to change them, but just because I'm bored.
- Therefore, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning.
- He says you abide in what you've heard from the beginning because John has confidence that what they heard at the beginning was the truth of God's word.
- It's the truth because it was the truth in the beginning, and it's still that truth now.
- This is the commandment that as you have heard from the beginning, so you should walk in it.

THE CHALLENGE

If that's different than what you've always believed, will you be a Pharisee or will you be an Apollos?

MY NOTES