

Sermon Study Guide – May 28th, 2023

Today's Focus: "It's Confirmation, not Graduation"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ Today we are celebrating the confirmation of Zane Bjerklie & Sidney Enerson as adult members of our congregation.
- ◆ What is the difference between graduation and a confirmation? Why is our faith not merely a matter of graduation? What do we all need to “confirm” constantly as members of the Church?

2) Today's Message: 1 Corinthians 12:3-11

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...

1. What was the problem with the members of the Corinthian church?
2. How might we treat confirmation or membership in a church as a “graduation”? What then can happen to our faith?
3. Who can prevent that from happening to our faith in Jesus?
How does he prevent it?
4. If we want to continue living in faith, what does that also involve *doing*? How are we all involved in this task?
5. What are some of the different gifts the Holy Spirit gives to the church? What is their purpose?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *read/review* Acts 2

Tuesday: *review* Jn. 7:37-39, Ps. 143

Wednesday: Galatians 3

Thursday: Ephesians 2

Friday: Romans 2

Saturday: *review* 1 Cor. 12:3-11