

THE SCIENCE OF COMMUNION

EVER LEARNING AND NEVER KNOWING

“ For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”

~ 1 Corinthians 1:21

1. An Unknown God

- a. Acts 17:22-34 – The wise men of Athens met together to learn new things.
- b. Religion: men gathering in sacred spaces offering worship/sacrifice to an invented God
- c. Paul calls that entire idea ignorant. God is unknown to them - Acts 17:30
- d. When “ever learning” becomes the reason to be, you can never know God - 2 Tim 3:7
- e. We know him through Jesus Christ. We gather in communion with Christ - Acts 17:34

2. Communion Science

- a. The church, communion, faith are words beyond the vocabulary of many scientists.
- b. They are words beyond the *understanding* of many in religion (mystery, paradox, ritual)
- c. Communion conversation concern ‘Real presence’, transubstantiation, miracle, elements
 - i. “This is the flesh of Jesus”, eucharistic miracles, Jesus as blood type AB
- d. Paul warns against religion: philosophy, tradition, rudiments; “not after Christ” - Col 2:8
- e. We don’t come together in common ignorant pursuit the great Unknown god of mystery
- f. Our communion is defined and in knowledge of the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- g. The real presence is this fellowship - Col 1:25-27, 1 Cor 3:16, 1 Cor 12:13, Eph 3:9

3. The Treasures of Knowledge

- a. There is no ‘church of Science’, but profane scientists attempt to replace the church.
- b. The religion of Science praises the treasures of knowledge, but reject Him → Col 2:1-3
- c. We don’t worship the pursuit of merely what we can see, but Him whom we can’t 3:1
- d. Natural science can never “know for sure”, never produce wisdom, never find salvation.
- e. To us which are saved, Christ is the power of God, wisdom of God - 1Cor 1:18-24
- f. All the treasures that natural science cannot bring us, but Christ can → 1 Cor 1:30-31
- g. Men have wasted lives in service to science and study in vain without Christ
- h. Be careful which professor you follow – Rom 1:22, 1 Tim 6:20-21 or 1 Tim 6:12
- i. Our communion is not around learning, knowledge, but the Lord.

4. The Lord’s Communion

- a. Science is a means, not an end, practice not purpose. Science cannot bring us together.
- b. Science without the love of God divides → 1 Cor 8:1-3
- c. How can we gain knowledge and not be puffed up? Christ taught us - Phi 2:5
- d. Science cannot unlock immortality, but we still look for cures (life matters)
- e. Science cannot unlock spirituality, but we still study the brain (to heal the broken)
- f. There is no “together” w/o reason, love, certainty, identity, wisdom, spirit, hope, cross.
- g. Want to come together? God sent Christ who died for our communion - 1 Cor 10:16
- h. Christ is our life, peace, joy, we work on earth, but our affection is above - Col 3:1-4
- i. True science, coming to a knowledge of the truth, is done in communion with God.
- j. We do not come together because we know everything, but this we know - Jesus Christ
- k. Our communion is a testimony of the truth that Christ is the truth, his cross the means.