

Where's the Power:

The problem of domesticated, fleshly,

“Christianity”. (1 Cor. 1:10-2:16)

- Is Christianity an enhancement or a replacement?
- Is Christianity about pragmatics or power?

*Are you missing out on what belonging to Christ really brings?*

1. Are you a fan of a certain brand or a groupie of a certain guy and missing the power of the cross? (1:10-17)

If you are captivated by the power of a personality or religious bias, you may be missing out on the point of the gospel—the power for your salvation (c.f. Rom. 1:16)

2. Are you drawn to teaching that accommodates the way you are and missing out on the message of the cross? (1:18-2:5)

The wisdom of this world is about accommodating the way you are; the message of the cross is the power of God to change you to live out the ways of God.

3. Are you attracted to the latest model of doing ministry and missing out on the real message of wisdom? (2:6-16)

The thinking of this age is coming to nothing but the message of wisdom is the ability to understand and welcome the mind of God.

Therapies, seminars, forms, styles, specialists, strategic plans, disciplines, techniques may be human attempts to prop up human-powered organizations—our confidence must be in the balance of the whole counsel of God and the mind of Christ.