

“Message (literally, *word* – from the Greek, *logos*) of \_\_\_\_\_ according to the same Spirit”

It is part of the work of the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ the things of God to those whom He indwells.

Colossians 1:9-11

What does Paul mean when he uses the word \_\_\_\_\_?

The Greek word he uses is – used sparingly in the New Testament (29 times) probably because of the influence of \_\_\_\_\_

Gnosticism was a movement which taught salvation by \_\_\_\_\_ it formed a dangerous opposition to Christian knowledge in three ways.

1) In the sphere of religious practice, it led to \_\_\_\_\_ see 1 Corinthians 8: 1ff – the Corinthians were making their \_\_\_\_\_ a substitute for \_\_\_\_\_.

2) In the physical sphere, emphasis on knowledge led to the opposite results of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

3) The emphasis on knowledge produced \_\_\_\_\_.

- This is seen in the \_\_\_\_\_ in ch 1-3
- The \_\_\_\_\_ in ch 6
- The troubles at the \_\_\_\_\_ in ch 11

It accounts for the need Paul felt to write \_\_\_\_\_ the gift without which all others were \_\_\_\_\_.

Knowledge, as understood at Corinth, facilitated religious \_\_\_\_\_, freed one from the constraints of normal \_\_\_\_\_, and enabled one to \_\_\_\_\_ on Christian brothers/sisters who lacked your gift.

To understand what Paul meant by this gift of knowledge, an examination of his other uses of the word may be helpful.

1) Knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ - as made known in \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Corinthians 2:14

2 Corinthians 4:6

How is knowledge of God attained?

2) This knowledge is incompatible with an \_\_\_\_\_

3) This knowledge is incompatible with a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ attitude towards other people.

- The emphasis in 1 Corinthians 8 on \_\_\_\_\_ for the other men's conscience even when you believe it is misguided – is the way of \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 Corinthians 6:7 – the way of \_\_\_\_\_ should encourage Christians even to be \_\_\_\_\_ rather than sue.

- In 2 Corinthians 6:6 – "...purity, \_\_\_\_\_, patience..."

- 2 Corinthians 8:7 – loving \_\_\_\_\_ to others in need is seen as the outcome of knowledge.

But Paul means something further by including "knowledge" in his list of gifts in 1 Corinthians 12.

- Paul is speaking of some \_\_\_\_\_ word from God for the benefit of others.

- Jesus used this gift –

When He perceived \_\_\_\_\_

At the marriage feast in Cana

When He called to \_\_\_\_\_

When He spoke to the Samaritan \_\_\_\_\_

Peter had the gift when he confronted \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The gift of "a word of knowledge" is a Holy Spirit given disclosure of an \_\_\_\_\_ that would not normally be available to the recipient.

The gift may often produce this response " \_\_\_\_\_ "

Sometimes the gift of a word of knowledge is difficult to distinguish from \_\_\_\_\_.

-What could be termed modern day "Gnosticism"?

-Have you ever experienced this gift of a word of knowledge?

-What did you do/not do with it?

-How could this gift benefit the church?