

Confusion is on First

Introduction:

A lot of people are just as confused as Costello is in the “Who’s on first?” routine. Without a proper understanding of what is being said people will say and do all sorts of things that make no sense. The Bible tells us that wisdom is the principle thing, therefore we should get wisdom. Actually, the only way to avoid ruin in our lives is to get the word of God into our spirits and then begin to live by that word. Once we begin to live by the word of God, confusion is on its way out of our lives.

I. The meaning of confusion.

- A. In a general sense, a mixture of several things promiscuously; hence, disorder; irregularity; as the confusion of tongues at Babel.
- B. Tumult; want of order in society.
 - 1. The whole city was filled with confusion. Acts 19.
 - 2. God is not the author of confusion. 1 Corinthians. 14.
- C. A blending or confounding; indistinct combination; opposed to distinctness or perspicuity; as a confusion of ideas.
- D. Abashment; shame.
 - 1. O Lord, let me never be put to confusion. Psalm 71.
 - 2. We lie in shame and our confusion covereth us. Jeremiah 3.
- E. Astonishment; agitation; perturbation; distraction of mind.
- F. Overthrow; defeat; ruin.
- G. A shameful blending of natures, a shocking crime.

II. The word of the Lord drives confusion from our lives.

Matthew 7:24-27 *“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”*

- A. When confusion is absent, we know how to lay a proper foundation for a stable secure life.
- B. Order and balance comes into our lives as we hear the word of God and then become doers of what we hear.

James 1:22-25 *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”*
- C. Every life will experience storms that upset the equilibrium, tempting us to fall into confusion and deviate from the truth we know.

III. The word of the Lord brings the storm of war in our lives to an end.

Isaiah 2:3-5 *“Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.”*

- A. God has established the church to fight the confusion that comes to our lives by dealing with the storms of life by the word of the Lord.
1. Various ministries are given for the maturing process of the believers.
I Corinthians 14:26 *“How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.”*
 2. God gives ministry gifts but every joint supplies.
Ephesians 4:11-16 *“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”*
- B. Many times there is a warfare that goes on inside of me that God wants to bring to an end.
Romans 7:21-25 *“I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²²For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!”*
- C. Christ in me helps me to yield to the word of the Lord and drive the confusion from my mind.
Colossians 1:27-28 *“To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”*