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MESSAGE NOTES

Christians get so wrapped up with the things of this world, yet under the floorboards of our feet is a great, vast, satisfying treasure for us to tap into. What is this treasure?

WHAT IS THIS TREASURE CALLED?

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” – 1 Cor. 2:9

- These are “things”. They are wisdom of God given to us. Paul calls them “deep” things. They are deeper than we can imagine.

WHAT IS THIS TREASURE LIKE?

1st – This treasure is out of this world (see 1 Cor. 2:6, 7)

- No politician, professor, professional, preacher will give you the things of God. They are sourced in someone outside of this world.

2nd – This treasure is life changing (see 1 Cor. 2:8)

- Paul uses hyperbole to describe how the earthly rulers would not have crucified Jesus if they had access to this treasure.
- If we get this treasure, it could change our lives so that we do not want the things that keep us from loving God.

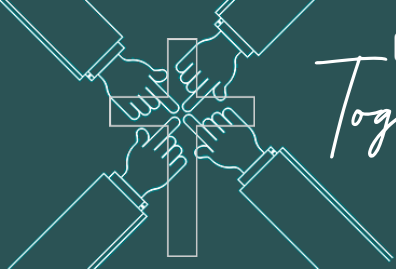
3rd – This treasure is beyond our comprehension (see 1 Cor. 2:9)

- “Eye has not seen...” Our senses cannot fully take in all the deep thing which God has for us.

WHAT IS THIS TREASURE?

- The amazing thing is that Paul does not specifically say what the “deep things of God” are! This is probably for two reasons:

1st – Explaining it with words won’t capture its effect



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- It's hard to explain things that only experience can know. For example, I can't really explain what it means to be a parent and do justice to the full joy and wonder a parent has.

2nd – Omitting the treasure will create a desire for it

- God wants you to desire the treasure He has for you. He wants you to pursue it and long for it.

HOW IS THIS TREASURE FOUND?

- Although Paul doesn't specify what the treasure is, he does tell us the conditions for obtaining it. If we can know how to receive it, then we can understand what it is like to have it.

1st – It is found by maturing in our faith (1 Cor. 2:6)

- You can't control the aging of your body, but you can control the aging of your spirit. Are you growing with the Lord? Are you growing in Scripture reading, prayer, victory over temptation, humility, selflessness? These are signs of maturity.

2nd – It is found by loving God (1 Cor. 2:9)

- We're always focused on how God loves us, but we need to remember that "We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19).

3rd – It is found by the revelation of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:10-16)

- This is not some mysterious magical encounter with the Spirit of God which is only attainable by some elite class of Christians, this is the same Holy Spirit that God gave you when you believed, living inside of you ready and eager to unveil the treasures of His bounty to you.

CONCLUSION

- While we don't know what the treasure is, it will be given to us by the Holy Spirit as we grow in love to God.
- Will you seek after the treasure God has for you, or be satisfied with the provisions and successes of the world?