



Show Them What You Know

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TODAY'S READING: Romans 8:1

Paul thought it through and made up his mind: *"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."* Paul thinks for himself, not regurgitating someone else's thoughts or words. He was not molded or influenced by popular opinion. His life was crafted by a totally scriptural message of a crucified Savior. When Paul got to Corinth from Athens he was ready to be used by the Holy Spirit.

Paul revered Christ, which is displayed in Galatians 2:20, *"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

I have actually stood in the center of Corinth and seen the Bema seat where Paul was accused and tried, and found innocent of all charges. And who was this all about? The risen Savior, Jesus the Christ. Paul was there to share the gospel and remind those who were Christ-followers of the seriousness of their sin and the repentance that had to take place for a lost world to become kids of the King.

This should be a good reminder about those in and out of our circles of influence. We live in a world where people are searching for a Savior--something that is bigger than themselves. What a great responsibility and opportunity to share the gospel to those who need Him.

They need Christ. They need a Savior. But how will they hear unless we tell them. They need the gospel's divine power. The world needs models of those who are Christ-followers, living their lives set apart from this world. Lives that are holy and righteous.

So can we say what Paul said, *"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."* I hope so, I pray so, for the sake of those around us.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your mercy and grace that is given to us each day. We pray that you would show us wisdom on how to use that mercy and grace each day--knowing that mercy and grace are what our world is longing for and needs so desperately.

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Corinthians 12

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