

Sermon Notes July 10, 2022
I Co.16.22 - "MARAN ATHA!"

The Corinthian Church:

- ❖ had departed from the **simplicity** of Christ Jesus,
- ❖ had lost its power of **testimony** in the midst of a great & wealthy city.

In a word - tragic & terrible; the Church of Jesus Christ had been **contaminated**.

Paul wrote to **correct** the carnality which lay at the root of the **spiritual** failure in the Church.

- ✓ The second Advent **includes** the first.
- ✓ The grace of the first demands the **glory** of the second.

The Advent referred to, past, or to come, insists on the truth that the **true Lord** : is manifest.

The fact is not one of date, but of the **manifestation** in human history of the Lord of men, "*Maran atha.*"

Paul brings the saints of Corinth, & all Corinth, to **confront** the one Lord.

The central fact suggested therefore is that of the Lordship of Christ.

This Lord Jesus Christ is Lord - He stands absolutely **alone** as Lord:

- ❖ first, as presenting a **perfect pattern** of human life;
- ❖ secondly, as **paralyzing** the paralysis which **prevents** men realizing the pattern;
- ❖ third, as **providing** for men the **power** to be what He reveals to they ought to be.

I. Jesus is royal in Lordship because He **presents to men the perfect pattern of human life.**

#1 Man is the **offspring** of God;

#2 Man's meaning is realized by **conformity** to the will of the One Who **created** him.

#3 Man is created for **service**.

Jesus' ideal is that man

- ✓ is spiritual in **essence**,
- ✓ perfected within the **law** of God,
- ✓ and created for **co-operation** with God.

II. Jesus is royal in Lordship because He **paralyzes the paralysis and** sets man free.

❖ If a man is saved by **hope**, - a man begins to hope.

❖ If a man is saved by **faith**, - upon the basis of hope a man trusts.

❖ If a man be saved ultimately by **love**, a man rises from hope through faith to love.

III. Jesus is royal in Lordship because He gives the power to **follow the pattern.**

"Maran atha." - the Lord is **here**.

The only faith that saves is the faith of **obedience**.

Obedience must lead in your love for **someone else**.

A man that does not love the Lord - is **already accursed**. There is but one **Lord**.

- ✓ There is but one **Master** of men.
- ✓ There is but one **Revealer** of the true ideal.
- ✓ There is but one **Redeemer** of failure.

He is here in spiritual power and presence, in our very midst today.

- ❖ Already in him there burns the **light**.
- ❖ Already in him operate the **forces** of God in perfect and eternal harmony.
- ❖ Already in him thrills the **love** that comes from God.

CONCLUSION:

He will

- ✚ enwrap you with His **love**, &
- ✚ lead you in His **light**, &
- ✚ bring you into His **life**.