

# PAULINE DOCTRINE FOR THE REAL WORLD III

## NEEDED SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

*“For to be carnally minded is death;  
but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”*

~ Romans 8:6

### 1. Review

- a. 1) The real world is physical AND spiritual. 2) Everyone has been taught (doctrine). 3) We have spirits and souls. 4) The biggest problems facing humanity are spiritual.
- b. The Bible (and the world) speaks about feeding the soul – Pro 11:25, Isa 55:2, Song 1:7
- c. The Bible reveals knowledge of God, what he’s doing, how to solve our spiritual problems

### 2. Sin in the Real World

- a. Sin ~ contrary to God; walking not in the Spirit; not right; seeking fulfillment w/o God
- b. Christians have failed to use Bible language for so long, the world is adopting it
- c. Are Christians better than they? No... Rom 3:9-18, you were not born how he intended
- d. The Bible’s sin solution – Christ (God) took it on himself, and offers grace to all
- e. *World problems*: Poverty, greed, war, climate change, religious/political conflict, hunger, education, happiness, corruption. – God has us look to ages to come – Eph 2:7
- f. *People problems*: dissatisfaction, anxiety, depression, fear, worry, turmoil, guilt, pride, emptiness, hopeless, vanity – God offers us his fullness, purpose, and peace.

### 3. Right Division for the Real World

- a. The Bible contains historical facts and figures; confusion exists about what God is doing
- b. God is not operating as he did in the OT, earthly ministry, nor as he will in kingdom come
- c. The Bible is not at the table, because it is discredited by Christian failure to get it right

### 4. What Christ Taught Paul

- a. Your spirit can be quickened by Christ – Eph 2:1
- b. God’s grace is available to all, teaching us to ... – Titus 2:11-12
- c. Your identity is found in Christ as his body member not in... – Col 1:27, Col 2:10
- d. Your vocation in Christ is higher than anything you can have here – Eph 4:1, Phil 3:14
- e. The fruit of the Spirit is freely available through Him – Gal 5:19-23
- f. Peace with God can be a present reality – Rom 5:1, 2 Cor 5:19-21

### 5. What Does it Mean For You

- a. You in Christ are chosen for glory – Rom 8:18
- b. You in Christ can be thankful in every thing – 1 Th 5:18
- c. You in Christ are sanctified (set apart) for honor – 1 Th 4:3-5
- d. You in Christ can be content – 1 Tim 6:6
- e. You in Christ can understand and judge all things (spiritual) – 2 Tim 2:7, 1 Cor 2:15
- f. You in Christ have confidence and hope – Eph 3:12, Rom 5:5
- g. All this is a result of doctrine (rightly divided from the Bible).
- h. If this is not helpful in the real world, then we are all without hope.