

The Corinthian Letters, Lesson 9, 1st Corinthians 2:9-13, Appraisals

✎ I want to talk to you about appraisals, have you ever had anything appraised? Appraise = “to set a price for, decide the value of, to judge the quality or worth of.” How would like to be appraised?; for us to set a value on your person? What if we were all appraised, assigned a value, and then had that tattooed on our wrists? God is the appraiser of all things and being created in His image means that we are also appraisers and assign value to things. No other creature does that! It even says that we will be appraising Angels! With this in mind, I want to hear your appraisal of the Cross of Christ?

☒ **Let’s look at our text: 1st Corinthians 2:9-10, 12-13.**

- ✓ Paul is working hard on cleaning up the mess of divisions among these believers. They’re acting like children and have divided themselves according to popular personalities. 1st Corinthians 2:9-10; 12-13, so, it wasn’t ultimately Paul or Apollos or Peter who taught them, it was God’s Spirit Himself. “Why are you boasting of men?” 1st Corinthians 2:14, the natural man is devoid of the Spirit, thus blind, deaf, and dead to the things of God. Things of the Spirit are appraised as foolishness to Him, namely, the cross, 1st Corinthians 1:18; 23-24. It’s not that he doesn’t understand the message, it’s not cryptic, it’s just his valuation of these Spiritual things, he appraises them at zero value. What is your appraisal of the Cross? The Word of God? Time with God? The Church of God? There is an easy way to know because you are writing checks, you have an account! What are the checks you are writing with your life? These are the indisputable record of your valuation of those things.

Natural man appraises his possessions, pride, personal sovereignty as being of more value. 1st Corinthians 2:15a, what is your appraisal of the cross? It tells me who you are. 1st Corinthians 2:16, who can appraise like God does? We can! He has given us His eye for value. God has appraised us at a very high value. As it turns out, our appraisal of the cross is our appraisal of ourselves... the cross is our valuation.
