

objects, subjects, modifiers, clauses, etc. and, incidentally, one really needs this to read the daily newspaper so the Bible is not an exceptionally difficult case.

- III. Conclusion: With all of this data in mind one comes to the Bible in a prayerful spirit trusting that the Holy Spirit will enable one to compare spiritual things with spiritual things (as in 1 Corinthians 2) and come to a fuller understanding of the message. But we come to the Word with confidence, not fear, and with enthusiasm not defeat. Every aspect of our lives requires the foundation and strength of the Word of God and it is a joy to study it and be built in its truth.

## **MESSAGE # 2: 1 CORINTHIANS 1: TEACHING ABOUT GOD**

Biblical Passages: 1 Corinthians 1

### **I. Introducing the Subject**

When we speak of "God" in this connection, we are talking about the "godhead", Father, Son and Spirit. We cannot always divide everything as neatly as we might like but you can see in the passage a number of truths that will relate to the Persons in the Trinity. Our "simplistic approach" will leave a lot to be desired but it is a start and that is where most things fail...we never get started. Wanting to learn all there is we fail to begin as we are overwhelmed by the totality of the content. So, in this way, we are making a beginning and while I will note a number of aspects, we will see chiefly what the chapter tells us of the Lord Jesus Christ and out of that we can mold a number of defined teachings for the Father as well.

- II. Discussion: We begin by reading the passage many times, praying as we go and keeping our eyes open for the concepts that are given about the Lord. You might make a list that would have aspects expressed in different form from mine...that is the joy of personal study....but here are the things I see immediately on a verse by verse sort of basis: All the references are in chapter 1./

- 1---He is the commissioning authority for the apostolate
- 2---He is the center of sanctification---He is the source of help
- 3---He is the source of spiritual blessing
- 4---He is the source (giver) of grace
- 5---He is the source (basis) of enrichment