

“Don’t Sweat it!”
1 Corinthians 1:4-3:3
SPIRITUAL IQ
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Intro:

Message:

1. Believers are called into fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ apart from any human works. Salvation is completely a work of grace. (1:4-9)
2. A believer who understands grace sees that there is no place for braggadocio. Spiritual arrogance causes multiple relational problems in the Church. (1:10-17)
3. The work of Christ on the cross (propitiation, redemption, substitutionary atonement and reconciliation) is the basis for all that God is free to do for us. This is grace. (1:18-25)
4. All believers are on equal spiritual footing since salvation is completely God’s work. This eliminates any believer glorying in His own wisdom or goodness. (1:26-31)
5. A believer’s faith must rest completely on God, His work and His viewpoint. (2:1-5)
6. Divine viewpoint cannot originate with or be understood by even the most brilliant unbeliever. (2:6-8)
7. The doctrine of grace is an example of divine viewpoint. Every believer has the spiritual IQ to receive maximum understanding and benefit from the doctrine of grace. (2:9-11)
8. To have a maximum spiritual IQ the believer must be rightly related to the Holy Spirit of God. (2:12-13)
9. An unsaved person has no spiritual IQ because he does not have the Spirit. No matter how brilliant he is, he cannot benefit from grace teachings – divine viewpoint. (2:14)
10. Every believer in fellowship with God (rightly related to the Holy Spirit) has the mind of Christ. Regardless of his human IQ, he can have a maximum understanding of divine viewpoint. This is part of the ingenuity of God’s grace. (2:15-16)
11. A believer who is out of fellowship with the Lord, because of unconfessed sin, cannot progress in understanding and applying the doctrines of grace. He must regain his right relationship with the Holy Spirit. (3:1-3)

Conclusion: