Not Talk But Power

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1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV)
For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

We know that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. **Therefore, we preach Christ crucified granting us forgiveness.** **With these words comes power, which impacts our behavior.** **KEY WORD IS BEHAVIOR!**

It is imperative we embrace that we stand on God's standard with God's power, because we live in an anything goes world. The world does not have God's standards or God's power. So Christians don't get confused, God identifies some of the "behaviors" that are inconsistent with God's intended behaviors.

The Key here is behavior!
1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (ESV)
⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous* **(not conforming to right way)** will not inherit the kingdom of God?

*adikos (ἄδικος, 94), **not conforming to *dike*, "right,"**.

Continue – **The world is saying anything goes, but God is saying the following behavior is "behavior not conforming to the right way" as God sees it and therefore will not be apart of HIS kingdom. God does not want us confused!**

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (ESV)
Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, **¹⁰** nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

After identifying these behaviors that "do not conform to the right way" as God sees it, God points to the supranational move of God in our lives that transforms us impacting our "behavior" so that we will "behave" in a manner God desires. God adjusts our behavior!

1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)
And such were some of you.

(Some of you behaved just like this!)

1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)
But you were washed, you were sanctified **(set apart)**, you were justified **(declared right)** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by* **(put under and bound by)** the Spirit of our God.

enorkizo (ἐν, 1722 and ἐν, 3726), **"to put under (or bind by) an oath."**

Through Christ we are forgiven, washed, set apart, made right!

Also, the Holy Spirit is central in transforming and empowering an individual. The Holy Spirit is the regenerating power adjusting our behavior!

Romans 8:12–13 (ESV)
¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **¹³** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but **if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,** you will live.

When we come to Christ, the outcome is clear; we are a new creation being transformed to behave like Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation.** The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

To the outside world we preach Christ crucified because they have no power. But to us who believe Christ crucified, we have power.

1 Corinthians 2:2–4 (ESV)
² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. … … **⁴** and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, **but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.**

Why must it be by the power of the Holy Spirit and not on the intellect of man? God's DIVINE purpose!

1 Corinthians 2:5 (ESV)
So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men **but in the power of God.**

Therefore, our Christianity, our message, our witness does not rest on words but power!!!!

1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV)
For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk **but in power.**

Through the power of God, the Holy Spirit transforms us to "behave" like Jesus.

Preached Christ crucified! Jesus makes us right before God.

2Cor.5:21 (NASB) He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Now ask, "Holy Spirit fill me!" As we received forgiveness, we also receive power! For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

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