

A Wisdom Greater Than The World

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

"We do, however, speak a wisdom among the mature, but not a wisdom of this age, or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 On the contrary, we speak God's hidden wisdom in a mystery, a wisdom God predestined before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age knew this wisdom, because if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written,

***What no eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no human heart has conceived—
God has prepared these things for those who love him.***

10 Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, since the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except his spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who comes from God, so that we may understand what has been freely given to us by God. 13 We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual things to spiritual people. 14 But the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God's Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually. 15 The spiritual person, however, can evaluate everything, and yet He Himself cannot be evaluated by anyone. 16 For

who has known the Lord's mind, that he may instruct Him?"

But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:6-16)

THE WISDOM OF GOD COMES FROM ABOVE, NOT BELOW (VS 6)

- "You can measure a person's true wisdom by whether they recognize Jesus as the Lord of glory." John Piper

THE WISDOM OF GOD ONCE HIDDEN IS NOW REVEALED (VS 7-8)

- "For since, in God's wisdom, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of what is preached." 1 Corinthians 1:21.
- "He responded, 'Not everyone can accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given.'" (Matthew 19:11)

THE WISDOM FROM GOD IS APPLIED TO OUR LIVES TODAY (VS 9-13)

- "True spirituality consists in being in-dwelt by the Spirit, who enables us to respond positively to God's revelation of Himself and His will, transforming our character and leading us to live a life of love and holiness." - Alan F. Johnson.

WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST (VS 14-16)

- "What we read and hear in the Word of God from the Spirit, we accept them. The person without the Spirit knows no more of a spiritual man than he does of other spiritual things. He is a stranger to the principles, pleasures, and actings of the divine life." - John Piper

