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The Natural Man vs. the Spiritual Man

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

- 1) Christ's gospel is to be preached simply; no embellishment (2:1-5)
- 2) Christ's gospel, though simple, is profound (6-13)
 - a) It doesn't sound like university wisdom; just the opposite
 - b) It stems from a mystery—once hidden, now revealed
 - c) Had the world understood God's wisdom, Jesus wouldn't have been crucified
 - d) God's great wisdom is revealed to believers by His Spirit—the Author of Scripture
 - e) As our own spirits know our own thoughts, so does the Spirit of God know God who indwells His people who trust in Christ
 - f) God's wisdom is repeated in His people for the world to see and hear
- 3) Christ's gospel cannot be grasped by everyone (14-16)
 - a) Unbelievers (natural) cannot understand the things of God
 - b) Those who receive Christ have the mind of Christ, thinking God's thoughts
- 4) Application
 - a) Read and meditate on Scripture every day
 - b) Already read the Bible? Read it again every year of your life
 - c) Every year you read the Bible, you grasp the mind of God all the more; every year you fail to read it, you forfeit a great gift from God