

I CORINTHIANS | "THINGS OF THE SPIRIT" | LESSON 37 | 1 Cor. 2:6-16

I INTRODUCTION/REVIEW:

- ① When it comes to wisdom we are not left w/o supply
- ② Our wisdom is far superior and more excellent than what the world offers
- ③ This wisdom has been provided for us

• Dealt w/ some substance → but passage deals with it's nature

- ① Origination - (1 Cor 2:9-10) (before the world prepared)
- ② Intercession - (1 Cor. 2:10) the Spirit's activity to find all things for us
- ③ Revelation - (1 Cor 2:10) the communication of God's wisdom, knowledge, & understanding.

operation to provide you what the world does not possess

- ① world thinks problem is external and their solution is internal.
*the gospel says the opposite
- ② the world thinks all wisdom can be observed or rationalized, but God's wisdom via revelation isn't bound to this world or our subjective & relative feelings.

④ Inspiration - (1 Cor 10:13) the Spirit teaches and when Paul speaks he speaks the things of God, when he writes he writes God's own words
*2 Tim. 3:16-17

⑤ Illumination - (1 Cor. 10:13) the Spirit teaches in company to enlighten us

II PREVIEW:

- ① "the spirit of God" ≠ Spirit of God
- ② intercession, revelation = "we have received"
 ⓐ to know

③ The things of the Spirit.

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| ⓐ wisdom (:7), "our glory" | ⓐ the spirit of God" (:12) |
| ⓑ prepared (:9) : | ⓑ "freely given to us" (:12) |
| ⓒ deep things (:10) | ⓒ "the mind of Christ" (:16) |
| ⓓ things of God (:11) | |

III SERMON:

[1:17] - "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God"

- what is it in us that we know our own things

- the spirit of man (in us)

- Pro. 20:27

- what is in God?

- what was in Him before the world that He ordained, that is to our glory

- what are the things He has prepared

- how can we know them

- just as the spirit of man is the means by which we know our own things, so the spirit of God is the means by which to know His things.

[12] - "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God"

- "Now we have received" - revelation → From God, by Spirit, to Paul (GAL 1:12, 15-16)

- "not the spirit of the world" - spirit of man

- things of the world that belong to this world

- b - come to naught

- "course" → Eph. 2:1-4

- "but the spirit which is of God"

- Rom 1:5, 7:6

- The Holy Spirit searched the spirit of God that knows the things of God and revealed them to the extent that Paul received them

- This is not "telephone" as if something gets lost in communication
 - There is a specific operation from the origination that is maintained to their reception of the intended party

- Ought to give you confidence, to thrill your soul

- These words are that which relay what God's plan is and our glory in it.

- Paul is addressing the underlying issue of their failure to value & love the spirit of God and their embrace of the spirit of the world.

"that we might know"

- not may be know
- not possibly know
- not partially know
- not guess

"that we might know"! you can know, you can be in the know
• in fact there isn't one thing that God hid in the past that you can't know now

"the things freely given to us of God."

• Rom 8:32

• doesn't describe what they are, but that they are freely given

• He freely gave His Son, so freely gives all things concerning His Son to the church

• you do not need to pay to get these

• you have the book

• yet many are looking to make a gain of you

• 2 Cor. 12:17, 18

• 2 Cor. 11:20

• they promise mightiness, happiness, & nobility but they are the only ones getting it

[13]- "which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

"which things also we speak"

• specify "which things" trace it up & "also" we speak

• inspiration, God breathed (2 Tim. 3:16, & Pet. 1:20-21)

• Paul not giving any private interpretation (1 The. 2:13)

"not in words which man's wisdom teacheth"

2:1-5 - this would add to

"but which the Holy Ghost teacheth"

• 4 - demonstration of Holy Spirit

• contrast to man's wisdom

"Comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

- at best man compares their own wisdom among themselves (2 Cor. 10:12)
- cannot compare with Spirit's things (don't possess them)

• The Holy Ghost teacheth by comparing God's things ^{& glory} with the things of man & the world.

• "compare" - to set or bring things together in fact or in contemplation, and to examine the relations they bear to each other, with a view to ascertain their agreement or disagreement

① two different "spirit's"

② Paul has been comparing already

Ⓐ 1 Cor. 1:10

Ⓑ 1 Cor. ~~1:22~~ - 23

Ⓒ 1 Cor. 1:25 - 31

Ⓓ 1 Cor. 2:4

Ⓔ 1 Cor. 2:6 - 9