

**The Topic: The Gospel > Human Wisdom**

Proverbs 14:12: “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

**True Glory**

Doomed to “pass away”

*Rulers of this age are doomed to “pass away.”*

*The Greek word is from kata, meaning “according to, or down” and argos, meaning “uselessness.”*

*This is the destiny of the rulers of this age, who, following human wisdom, crucified Jesus.*

Secret wisdom decreed for our glory

*Believers through God’s secret and hidden wisdom are destined for glory.*

*The secret is no longer hidden. It is imparted by words and the Spirit (v. 7, 10).*

Therefore, it is superior, and we should believe it above all other things

*We are made for glory. (Romans 3:23, for all have fallen short of the glory of God)*

*What does that mean?*

*Glorified like Jesus.*

*Glorified in contrast to “passing away.”*

**Hidden Knowledge**

The Spirit of God knows the thoughts of God

We have received the Spirit of God through the Gospel

*We don’t know God through what we see, or hear, or imagine (vs. 9)*

*Contrast with human wisdom, for example, the New Atheists*

Therefore, we know the thoughts of God

*The Gospel gives us a new frame of reference. A new lens through which we see God and the world.  
We know God’s thoughts because he has given us Christ. We know what he thinks of us!  
When we are tempted to look at the world through the wrong frame of reference, we need to go back to the Gospel and remember what he thinks of us.*

**Complete Understanding**

God’s wisdom allows the spiritual to judge all things but to be judged by no one

*The Gospel lens allows us to discern God’s will versus the wisdom of the world.  
The world will never understand (vs. 14) and will occasionally mock and mistreat us.  
But we must let our lives tell the story!*

1 Peter 2:12 [Brian’s paraphrase] “Live such good lives among unbelievers, that even though they hate you, they see your good deeds and believe in Christ when the Gospel comes to them.”

A well lived-Christian life is an irrefutable argument for God

*No one will stand in judgment over the Christian who puts on the wisdom of the Gospel.*

**Super Bowl Insights and God’s Wisdom**

**Questions for Personal Study**

1. Think of the messages we get from American culture. Where does God’s wisdom stand in opposition?
2. How does the Spirit show us the thoughts of God through the Gospel? What does God think of you, and is anything in your life making it hard to believe that? (If so, don’t forget the cross!)
3. What does it mean that you are destined for glory, and why does that matter to you?
4. What does it look like to grow in Christ so that you become “irreproachable” and are able to judge all things? Do you know a person or example of someone who is able to exercise that level of discernment and live that type of life?