

### The Secret Wisdom of God 2 Corinthians 2:6-13 Pastor Mike Chapman

Paul wants us to understand that although he made a devastating critique of human wisdom in chapter 1, that Christianity is not anti-wisdom. It's all about wisdom. But, it is not the fad-based, roller coaster of an ever-changing body of wisdom from the world. The wisdom Paul is talking about is eternal. He calls it "a secret and hidden wisdom from God."

### THE SOURCE OF THIS WISDOM IS GOD AND GOD ALONE

The cross is the ultimate **critique** of human wisdom. (v. 8)

The wisdom of the world misses the very thing that is the hope of the world and that is Christ and him crucified.

Colossians 2:8, Be careful not to let anyone take you captive through a shallow and misleading philosophy. Such a person follows human traditions and the world's way of doing things rather than following Christ.

The wisdom of the world is a system of redemption without a **Redeemer**.

The wisdom of God has an **epicenter** and it's a hill called Calvary.

# THIS WISDOM ONLY COMES BY MEANS OF REVELATION

The wisdom of God does not come from the imagination of man. (v. 9-10)

When you told a Bible in your hand, we need to be overwhelmed by this thought ...

#### I am absolutely holding God' words in my hand!

The epicenter of the Bible is the **Gospel**.

## THIS REVELATION IS ILLUMINATED TO US BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit which we receive when we trust Christ as our Lord and Savior helps us to understand what God has freely given to us. (v. 11-12)

The Holy Spirit, who revealed the Word now actually lives inside every follower of Christ.

The God who gave the Word now **opens** the Word to your heart.

The Holy Spirit enables us to impart the wisdom of God to others. (v. 13)

It is not our words that change lives.

It is His Words that create faith ... that bring life ... that set people free ... that turn on the light of God's wisdom in the hearts of people.