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1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

And when I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come as someone superior in speaking ability or wisdom, as I proclaimed to you the testimony of God.² For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.³ I also was with you in weakness and fear, and in great trembling,⁴ and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of mankind, but on the power of God.

THOUGHT

The message of the Gospel is incredibly simple while also being incredibly complex. A child can grasp its essence and yet old men can never exhaust the study of scripture.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-9

Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;⁷ but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory;⁸ the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;⁹ but just as it is written: "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HUMAN HEART, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

ISAIAH 64:4

For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear, Nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who acts in behalf of one who waits for Him.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-16

For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

¹¹ For who among people knows the thoughts of a person except the spirit of the person that is in him? So also the thoughts of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things 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, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-16

¹⁴ But a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But the one who is spiritual discerns all things, yet he himself is discerned by no one. ¹⁶ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.

PROVERBS 3:5-7

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

EPHESIANS 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; ² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

EPHESIANS 5:6-14

See that no one deceives you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them;⁸ for you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),¹⁰ as you try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

EPHESIANS 5:6-14

¹¹ Do not participate in the useless deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; ¹² for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. ¹⁴ For this reason it says, “Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you.”