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Studies in the First and Second Epistles to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

“You Must be Out of Your Mind”

Introduction: God has unlimited knowledge stored in His mind. Paul continues to expound on the source of the data he shared regarding the Gospel. Paul explains how the Holy Spirit provides access to God’s divine database.

I. Do You Trust in the Power of God or Human Wisdom? (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

- a. Paul is restating that he did not use fancy speaking skills to share the Gospel (Colossians 1:28). The most important information they needed to learn was the incarnation of the Son of God who voluntarily died as the Lamb of God to pay for our sin.
- b. We trust in the power of God – incarnation (God took on a human nature), atonement (eternal sacrifice for sin), resurrection (defeat of death, regeneration of physical body). When people believe the testimony (Good News) about what God has done they are born again/sealed with the Holy Spirit until the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30).

II. The Mysterious Wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 2:6-8)

- a. There is a wisdom related to this particular stage in history and there is a wisdom related to the age to come, when Christ returns to execute justice and judgement in the earth, when the final phase of God’s plan is complete and the resurrected glorified believers will live with God forever.
- b. Paul explains the mystery of the Gospel in Ephesians 3:1-7. The rulers of this age were ignorant of the mystery. “They crucified the Lord of glory” is a clear statement of the divinity of Christ (James 2:1; Psalm 29:3; Psalm 24:10).

III. God Tells Us Everything We Need to Know (1 Corinthians 2:9-12)

- a. Human means of observation are not adequate for discovering the mystery of God (Isaiah 64:4). Just like individual humans know their own thoughts, only the Spirit of God knows God’s thoughts. Psychics are false because each human has the privacy of their own mind. The Holy Spirit searches the depths of the mind of God.
- b. We received the Spirit from God so we can know what God has given us. The Holy Spirit gives us access to connect to God (Ephesians 2:18).



IV. It is Impossible to Think Like Jesus Without the Mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:13-16)

- a. The teaching ministry of the Spirit was explained by Jesus (John 14:26; John 15:26; John 16:13-14). God gave the apostles a spiritual vocabulary which helps discern what is from God and what is from the world.
- b. The natural man is referring to a person who is not born of the Spirit (John 1:12-13). The natural man can't know spiritual revelation because he has no spiritual discernment. The Holy Spirit empowers us to download and translate data from God regarding our salvation.
- c. Believers with Holy Spirit can rightly judge because of their ability to discern. Judging means being able to discern between good and evil. It is the ability to make decisions according to the standards and principles of God's word. Unbelievers can't correctly judge because they have no spiritual discernment. Jesus gives the instruction to judge righteous judgement (John 7:24). Unbelievers don't have the spiritual capacity to make proper judgments regarding the truth of God. Paul is saying that the Natural people (people who are not born again) cannot accurately evaluate spiritual people (born again believers being led by the Holy Spirit). (Isaiah 40:12-14). Believers have access to information from God through the Spirit of God to help us understand and receive the word of God.

FALSE PROPHETS, FALSE TEACHERS, AND FALSE CHRIST DESIRE TO LEAD YOU TO ETERNAL SEPERATION FROM GOD (HELL). DO YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU? DO YOU HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST? REPENT AND BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ETERNITY WITH GOD.

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