

Activating Our Position in Christ**1 Corinthians 2:6-16****Approaching God's Mysterious Wisdom – Part 1**

We began our study of First Corinthians by looking at the overall focus of the Letter...

We saw where there were several problems in the church that were causing serious issues...

ONE THING

The Mysterious Gospel of God can only be expressed and experienced through divine revelation and demonstration!

1 Corinthians 2:6–16 (ESV) — 6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 And we impart this in

words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 16 “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

1. The REALITY of God's Mysterious Wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:6–8 (ESV) — Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

The word translated “MATURE” ...

Matthew 5:48 (ESV) — You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The phrase, “doomed to pass away” is one Greek word that literally means...

“To cause to be inactivated”

→ VERSE 7 ←

1 Corinthians 2:7 (ESV) — But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

The word here translated “SECRET”...

Jesus used the word when He was rejoicing in the Spirit that demons were being subjected to His disciples...

Luke 10:21 (ESV) — In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

Paul used this word a couple of other times...

Ephesians 3:9 (ESV) — and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,

Colossians 1:26 (ESV) — The mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.

... BUT WAIT A SECOND! ...

If it is translated, “SECRET” here and these other references it is translated, “HIDDEN”, what is the word that is translated “HIDDEN” in verse 7?

The word here translated, “HIDDEN”, is the word which actually means, “MYSTERY”

***Μυστήριον* – Mustarion... “divine secret”**

1 Corinthians 2:7 (Jett translation)

We speak the once concealed but now revealed mysterious wisdom of God, which God predestined before the ages for our glory.

NOTICE: another important theological term!!!

The word translated “DECREEED” is also translated, “PREDESTINED”...

Ephesians 1:5 (ESV) — He predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Ephesians 1:11 (ESV) — In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

Scripture teaches predestination not predetermination!

1 Corinthians 2:8 (ESV) — None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

A couple of key concepts are here...

“rulers of this age”

Isaiah 24:21 (ESV) — 21 On that day the LORD will punish the host of heaven, in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth.

When referring to these “rulers of this age” Paul is speaking of BOTH heavenly rulers and earthly rulers...

The next word is the word, “UNDERSTOOD”...

It means to perceive, comprehend, know, understand...

I point this out because of a question...

Of the almost 8 billion people living on earth, 2.1 billion claim themselves to be “Christian”

This simply cannot be true...

So, what is the issue?

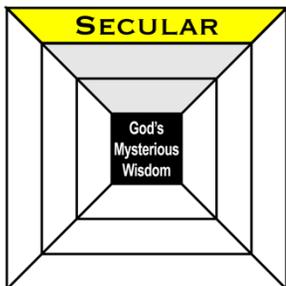
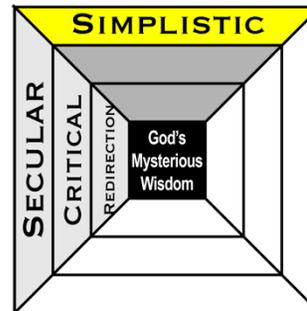
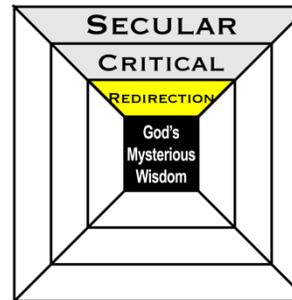
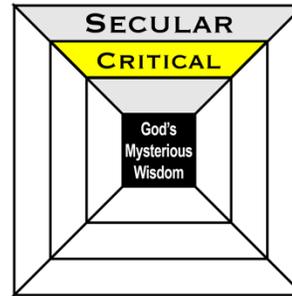
I believe it has to do with two things...

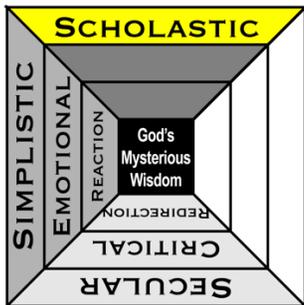
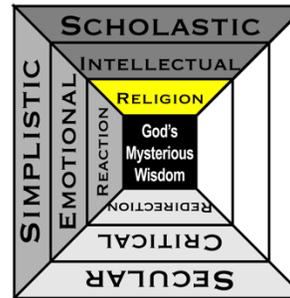
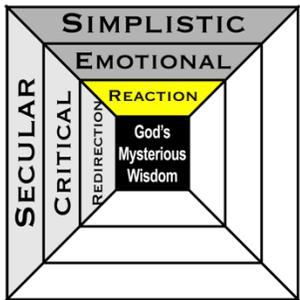
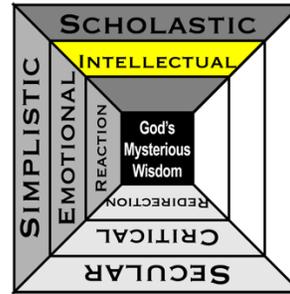
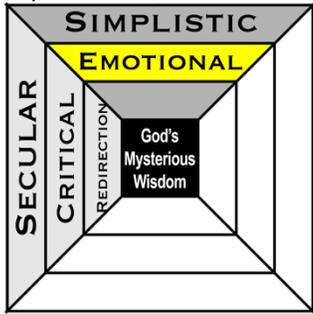
First, the PRESENTATION of the Gospel...

- **The PRESENTATION of the Gospel must include both the INFORMATION and the DEMONSTRATION of the Gospel!**

Second, the RECEPTION of the Gospel...

Four Responses to the Gospel and their corresponding results...





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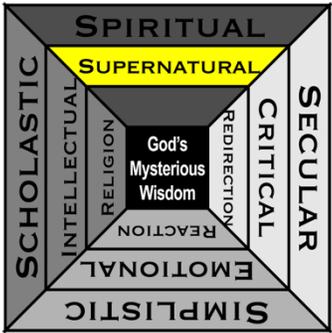
2. The REVELATION of God's Mysterious Wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:9–11 (ESV) — But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

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1. The _____ of God's Mysterious Wisdom

- *The _____ of the Gospel must include both the _____ and the _____ of the Gospel!*

2. The _____ of God's Mysterious Wisdom

