

## **Activating Our Position in Christ**

### **1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

#### **Approaching God's Mysterious Wisdom – Part 2**

*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!***

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***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.***

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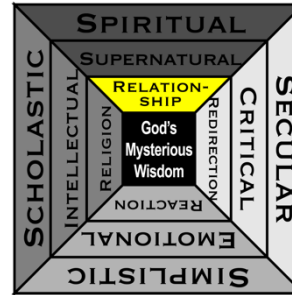
#### **2. The REVELATION of God's Mysterious Wisdom**

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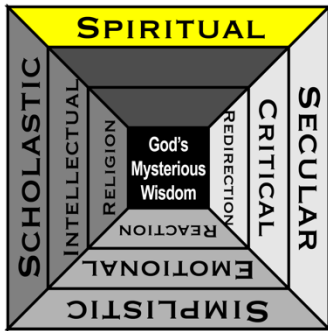
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To “REVEAL” means to unvail...

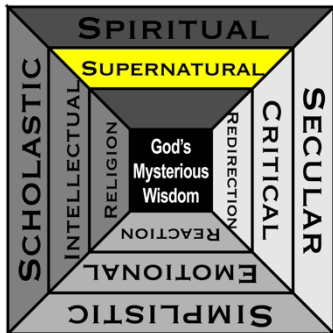
**Galatians 1:12 (ESV) — For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.**



→ Pic – Spiritual 1

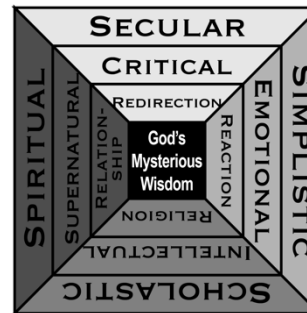


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**2. The REVELATION of God's Mysterious Wisdom**

**3. The RECEPTION of God's Mysterious Wisdom**

**1 Corinthians 2:12–13 (ESV) — 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. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.**

### **What is the spirit of the world?**

→ **The Evil One...**

**1 John 5:19 (ESV) — We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**

→ **The Prince of the power of the air...**

**Ephesians 2:2 (ESV) — In which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—**

→ **The one in authority over the kingdoms of the world...**

**Luke 4:5–6 (ESV) — And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.**

→ **The one indoctrinating a blinded humanity**

**1 Timothy 4:1 (ESV) — Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons**

→ **But, as believers, we have a greater power dwelling within!**

**1 John 4:4 (ESV) — Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**

**Paul is comparing and contrasting the spirit of the world and the Spirit of God with reference to wisdom...**

→ **Every believer has the indwelling Holy Spirit!**

**Romans 8:9 (ESV) — You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.**

→ **The Holy Spirit guides us into understanding all the truth!**

**John 16:13a (ESV) — When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth ...**

**James 1:5 (ESV) — If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.**

→ **The Holy Spirit gifts us to interpret and impart these truths to Spirit-led believers!**

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#### **4. The REJECTION of God's Mysterious Wisdom**

**1 Corinthians 2:14–16 (ESV) — 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. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.**

→ The natural person...

This is referring to the unspiritual or person of this fallen world...

**James 3:15 (ESV) — This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.**

**Jude 19 (ESV) — It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.**

#### **QUESTION - Why do they REJECT!**

**1 Corinthians 2:14a (ESV) — The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God**

→ The “...does not accept” means they REJECT...

#### **They RESIST the things of the Spirit**

**Acts 7:51 (ESV) — “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.**

**They resist the things of the Spirit because they are blinded to them...**

**1 Corinthians 2:14b (ESV) — ... he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.**

**2 Corinthians 4:3–4 (ESV) — And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

**Because the lost reject the things of the Spirit, they not only resist those things, but they also ridicule those things**

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