

Sunday Sermon | Calvary Chapel Waterford  
1 Corinthians 2 Sermon Outline Pastor Tom Zimbelman

***Theme: The Message of the Cross and the Work of the Spirit***

***1. The True Excellence 1 Corinthians 2:1-5***

- ***The method of the message rejected - Not excellence of speech or human wisdom***
- ***The posture of the preacher - Weakness, fear, and trembling***
- ***The power displayed - Demonstration of the Spirit and of power***
- ***The foundation of faith - Not in the wisdom of men but in the power of God***
- ***The present warning - Don't replace the cross with culture***

***II. The Unseen Wisdom 1 Corinthians 2:6-10***

- ***Two categories - The wisdom of this age versus the wisdom of God***
- ***The maturity distinction - Complete in Christ yet growing in understanding***
- ***The definition of the mystery - Previously hidden, now revealed***
- ***The content of the mystery - Christ crucified as God's wisdom and power***
- ***The blindness of rulers - They crucified the Lord of glory***
- ***The limitation of human perception - What man cannot see, hear, or conceive***
- ***The necessity of revelation - The Spirit reveals the deep things of God***

***III. Embracing the Mind of Christ 1 Corinthians 2:10-16***

- ***Only the Spirit knows the things of God***
- ***The believer has received the Spirit from God***
- ***Comparing spiritual things with spiritual***
- ***The natural man does not receive or understand God***
- ***The spiritual man rightly appraises all things***
- ***We have the mind of Christ***

## **Scripture Cross References**

### **1 Corinthians 2**

**Acts 18:9–10:** “Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.’”

**Philippians 3:12–14:** “Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on ... I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

**Acts 13:27:** “For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him.”

**1 John 2:2:** “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

**Matthew 8:16–17:** “When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

*‘He Himself took our infirmities  
And bore our sicknesses.’”*

**Matthew 16:23:** “But He turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.’”