THIS WEEK:

THE BUILDER'S

REWARD

[1 COR 3]

FINISH LAST WEEK:

REVELATORY

WISDOM

[1 COR 2]

TWO 'KINDS' OF WISDOM!

NATURAL WISDOM: Mechanical and hollow [EYES/EARS/HEART] SOUL-BASED

GOD'S WISDOM: ALIVE... and 'Life-giving' [HOLY SPIRIT REVELATION ONLY]

IT HAS ONLY ONE ENTRY POINT...

R-E-V-E-L-A-T-I-O-N!!

Rev 19.10 – **10** And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See *that you do* not *do that!* I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

HE'S NOT JUST A 'REVEALER'!

ALL HIS REVELATION... LEADS TO

THE ULTIMATE GOAL

OF REVEALING...

CHRIST HIMSELF!

WHEN YOU

FELLOWSHIP WITH/INTERACT WITH

RESPOND TO/RECEIVE FROM

THE HOLY SPIRIT...

HE REVEALS...

CHRIST... to you!!!

THAT REVELATION...

RELEASES

WHAT'S CONTAINED IN YOUR SPIRIT!

SEE HIM?

FAITH...IS RELEASED!

SEE HIM?

LOVE... IS RELEASED!

LOOK LONG ENOUGH...

EVERYTHING... IS RELEASED!

...WHAT'S ALREADY...HIDDEN IN YOUR SPIRIT...

BECOMES OPERATIVE AND MANIFEST

OUTWARDLY!

Eph 1.17 - 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you

THE SPIRIT

OF **WISDOM** AND **REVELATION**

IN... THE... KNOWLEDGE... OF... HIM,

Eph 1.18-19 - **18** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened [*PHOTID'ZO*]; **THAT YOU MAY** *KNOW* what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, **19** and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe...

YOU BEGIN TO SEE:

EVERYTHING...

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU!

<u>'IN... YOUR... LIGHT...</u>

WE... SEE... LIGHT!'

[PS 36.9]

LIGHT COMES ON...

THERE ARE YOUR KEYS!!

1 Cor 2.10

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.

For the Spirit searches all things,

yes,

the deep things of God.

Jn 15.15 - No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you <u>friends</u>, for <u>ALL THINGS THAT I HEARD FROM MY FATHER I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO YOU!</u>

We get to know the secrets!

HOW FAR CAN THIS ALL GO?

The personality, purpose,

motives and plans of the Father...

HIS VERY CORE...

HAS BEEN OPENED UP TO US!

"THIS IS WHO I AM!

I WANT YOU TO KNOW ME!

AND MY SPIRIT WILL TAKE YOU

AS DEEP AS YOU WANT TO GO!"

AMAZING! STAGGERING!

1 Cor 2.11-12 - **11** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things 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... KNOW

THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN FREELY GIVEN TO US BY GOD.

GOD'S MOTIVE REVEALED:

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE SPIRIT...

<u>"THAT WE MIGHT KNOW..."</u>

1 Cor 2.13 - **13** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

SOULISH THOUGHTS?

SOULISH WORDS!

SPIRIT THOUGHTS?

SPIRIT WORDS!!

1 Cor 2.14-16 - **14** But the <u>natural man</u> [Psuchikos. SOULISH.] <u>DOES NOT RECEIVE</u> the things of the Spirit of God, for they are **foolishness** to him; <u>NOR CAN HE KNOW THEM</u>, because they are spiritually discerned.

THERE'S ONLY ONE

'HEAVENLY WISDOM' PORTAL

HOLY SPIRIT REVELATION!

God doesn't withhold revelation from anybody!

PEOPLE... DON'T... RECEIVE IT!

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. **16** For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Flesh cannot understand,

critique, evaluate or counsel

SPIRIT.

We have the mind of Christ...

BUT...

...CHRIST'S MIND IS... IN OUR

SPIRITS!

<u>so...</u>

THE MORE WE

FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT...

THE BETTER OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM...

THE MORE ACCESS

WE HAVE TO CHRIST'S OWN MIND...

THE MORE ACCURATE

OUR PERSPECTIVE

AND DECISION-MAKING BECOMES...

AND

THE LESS VULNERABLE

WE BECOME

TO THE FLESHLY, SOULISH OPINIONS

AND FLESHLY, SOULISH JUDGMENTS

OF FLESHLY, SOULISH PEOPLE!

AND

THAT'S

A GREAT WAY TO LIVE!!

TODAY'S TOPIC:

THE BUILDER'S...

REWARD!

1 Cor 3.1-3 - And I, brethren, <u>COULD NOT</u> speak to you as to <u>SPIRITUAL</u> people but as to <u>CARNAL</u>, as to <u>BABES</u> in Christ. **2** I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were <u>not able</u> to receive it, and even now you are <u>still not able</u>; **3** for you are still carnal.

Not teaching earthly wisdom.

Still revelatory truth from

The Spirit of God.

But WATERED-DOWN

for the immature.

Paul doesn't go worldly wisdom here...

to transfer spiritual wisdom.

Flesh produces flesh.

It takes spirit to produce spirit.

1 Cor 3.3 - For where *there are* envy, strife and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

THE THERMOSTAT

is the moment you learn about

somebody else's success or failure

in the area that you care about most...

AND WANT MOST FOR YOURSELF!!.

Rom 12.15 - Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

THAT... REALLY TAKES GOD'S SPIRIT

WHEN WE GET BY-PASSED

AFTER WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SOMETHING

... SO... SO... LONG!!

BABY BIRDS

1 Pet 5.5-7 - Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." 6

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that <u>HE</u> MAY EXALT YOU <u>IN DUE TIME</u>,7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

CARNALITY... [SOUL DOMINANCE]

EQUALS...

TROUBLE!

[FIGHTS! WARS! CHURCH: SECRET DRAMAS!]

A hot-tempered person...

[a soul-controlled person]

If you rescue them,

and you will only have to do it again.

PIG-PEN

'The dust of countless ages'

Ja 3.13 - Who is wise and understanding among you? ...

Ja 3.16 - For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there!

Ja 4.1 - Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?

MESSAGE

They come about because you want your own way,

and fight for it deep inside yourselves.

1 Cor 3.4 - 4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

1 Cor 3.5 - **5** Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as **THE LORD GAVE** to each one?

GRACE: Levels out the playing field!

God **GAVE** them [undeserved]

whatever they were and did.

Their ministries were 'assignments'

TO UNDESERVING PEOPLE!

1 Cor 3.6 - 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but GOD GAVE THE INCREASE.

I cooperated. I did what he told me to do.

BUT HE... BRINGS THE INCREASE!

WHATEVER WE DO IN OBEDIENCE...

THE INCREASE... GROWTH...

AND SUCCESS... OF OUR OBEDIENCE...

IS HIS PART!

1 Cor 3.7 - **7** So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, **BUT GOD** who gives the increase.

ANGELS IN COURT

1 K 22 - 2 CHRON 18

1 Cor 3.8 - **8** Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own *REWARD* according to his own labor.

IT'S INCREDIBLE!

The assignment is... GOD'S...

UNDESERVED BY US.

The power to accomplish it is... GOD'S...

UNDESERVED BY US.

EVEN THE EVENTUAL SUCCESS

OF THE ASSIGNMENT IS... GOD'S...

UNDESERVED BY US!

AND THEN...

HE REWARDS US

FOR OUR PARTICIPATING

AND COOPERATING WITH HIM!

1 Cor 3.11-15 – **11** For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**12** Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,**13** each one's work will become <u>clear</u>; for <u>THE DAY</u> will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.**14** If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.**15** If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but **he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**

2 Cor 5.10 - For we must all appear before the judgment [BEMA] seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

DID CHRIST TAKE YOUR PUNISHMENT

ON HIS BODY? OR NOT??

**LAW OF DOUBLE-JEOPARDY

'YOU CAN'T BE PUNISHED FOR THE SAME CRIME...

THAT CHRIST WAS ALREADY ONCE PUNISHED FOR...

IN YOUR PLACE!

So what's the BEMA-SEAT judgment for...

If not for the punishment of sin?

IT'S FOR THE PRESENTATION

OF REWARDS

For works done by the Spirit's

leading and empowerment...

<u>OR...</u>

THE LACK

OF REWARDS

For 'bad works'...or...

WORKS DONE BY THE FLESH!

1 Cor 3.9 - **9** For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

Acts 20.20 - Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to **shepherd** the church of God **WHICH HE PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD.**

CHURCH LEADERS

- 1. GOD'S CHURCH... NOT THEIRS
- 2. BUT... <u>THE HOLY SPIRIT</u> **MADE THEM** OVERSEERS

TO SHEPHERD HIS CHURCH

** 'GOD TOLD ME

I'M TO SPEAK ON SUNDAY'

'IF GOD TELLS ME...

I'LL LET YOU KNOW!'

1 Cor 3.10 - **10** According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a <u>wise master builder I HAVE LAID</u>

THE FOUNDATION, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

WISE MASTER BUILDER: ARCHITEK'TON:

ARXI: First, TEKTON: Craftsman, Chief artisan.

1 Cor 3.11 -

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is **JESUS CHRIST!**

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

FROM PAUL'S DAY... 'TIL NOW...

THE ONLY REAL FOUNDATION

THE CHURCH CAN BE BUILT ON IS...

JESUS!

Col 2.19 [MSG] -They're completely <u>OUT OF TOUCH</u> with the source of life, Christ, who puts us together in one piece, whose very breath and blood flow through us. <u>HE IS THE HEAD</u> AND WE ARE THE BODY. WE CAN GROW UP HEALTHY IN GOD ONLY AS HE NOURISHES US.

THE REAL

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

OF CROSSOVER'S MINISTRY IN THE FUTURE...

WILL DEPEND TOTALLY ON...

THE PERSONAL... EXPERIENTIAL... DAILY

RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST:

- A. OF EVERYONE TEACHING AND LEADING...
- B. AS WELL AS... EVERY OPERATIONAL MEMBER!

THAT'S ... THE FOUNDATION!

THAT'S... THE STARTING POINT!

THAT'S ... THE FEAR OF THE LORD!

THAT'S THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM!

NOTHING EVEN STARTS

'TIL THEN!!

And... as God listens in on all future private phone conversations and reads all personal emails

going back-and-forth

between Crossover members

... ONLY *ONE* NAME...

Will rise to the top...

And that name won't be

CROSSOVER...

Or Clark... or Slater... or anybody else's...

<u>BUT</u>

JESUS... JESUS... JESUS!!!

THERE'S ONLY ONE MEDIATOR!

[There's nobody above us!]

ONLY ONE FOUNDATION!

[There's nobody else we stand on

To gain our security and support!]

** CAN WE MAKE A DATE?**

WHEN WE'RE ALL FINALLY DONE ONE DAY

CAN WE OFFICIALLY AGREE

TODAY...

TO FIND EACH OTHER ON THE OTHER SIDE...

AND HAVE ONE, GIGANTIC...HUMONGOUS...

'THANK-YOU JESUS' PARTY??