

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

- 1 Cor 1:11-14
- 12. My brothers, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; (Peter) still another, "I follow Christ."
- 13. Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul?
- The Chloe household had told Paul that the Church at Corinth was full of fighting. They were fighting over who was the best preachers. The fighting had caused separation among the believers. Possible scenarios!

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE?

- 1 Cor 2:1-5
- 2 When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior **wisdom** as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except **Jesus Christ and him crucified.** 3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4 **My message** and **my preaching** were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a **demonstration of the Spirit's power,** 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on **God's power.**
- Note: Paul's message and preaching consisted of who Jesus was, and what Jesus accomplished; through his death, burial and resurrection. Why is this important? Because the words or wisdom of men have no power to deliver human spirits from the power of death. Genesis 2:7; 2:17

WHAT IS GOD'S SECRET WISDOM?

- 1 Cor 2:6-10
- 6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written:
 - "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"—
- 10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

GOD'S SPIRIT REVEALS GOD'S WISDOM

- 1 Cor 2:11-13
- 11 For who among **men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him?** In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.
- Note: A person's spirit knows their thoughts because their thoughts originate from their spirits. (Matt. 12:34) God thoughts are also known by his Spirit, because the Spirit of God is one with God. God's Spirit has been placed in the believer to reveal to us the mind of God. (John 14:16-18)

BELIEVERS HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST?

- 1 Cor 2:14-16
- 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:
- 16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?"
- But we have the mind of Christ.
- Why can't the natural man accept things that come from the Spirit of God? (Gen. 2;17)