



Tale of Two Tales:

Note: Generally speaking, there are three basic groups of people attend a Bible Believing Church today:

1. Seekers: People looking for spiritual fulfillment... Trying to find real life
2. Believers: People who have been converted to a true relationship with God through His Son
3. Followers: People who are church-ed and know the lingo... but have not personally believed

There exist two basic trails for people to follow in life:

1. The Powerful Trail: From the Creator of the Universe
2. Wisdom of men - accumulated over the ages of human existence

1 Cor 2:4-5

Most people spend their lives relying upon the latter... the wisdom of men which is literally waste... something that is of no value. Believers in Christ are far too often so immersed in the wisdom of men that their lives remain valueless! V6

Contrast the world's wisdom to that which proceeds from God:

- Secret wisdom- People who lived before Jesus' appearance simply could not understand the concepts of the Gospel
- This wisdom originated before time began! It is ageless... it dates before the stars and originates from the Creator of the stars! V7

Great men and women of the age are clueless of this wisdom since they are listening to the wrong voices v8

What is the Bible?

1 Corinthians 2:9-13

- God has plans for His people that are beyond imagination v9
- We get snapshots of these plans in the Bible v10
- The Bible records the very thoughts of the Creator
 - *He desires us to know His very thoughts! V11-12*

- The Bible communicates to us in human language so that we may actually share in the very thoughts of God v13

Limits to receiving this amazing communication:

Definition: Natural Person- Someone who has not placed his or her trust in the work of Jesus on the cross to pay for their sins.

A natural person sees the Bible as folly. Their spirits are not made alive through faith (Eph 2:1-10.)

Definition: Spiritual Person- Someone who has placed their trust in Jesus' work on the cross to pay for their sins. This person is given spiritual rebirth (Eph 2:4) and at that moment were sealed with the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13)

The spiritual person is under a new way of life that sees things around them from a spiritual perspective. V15 and thus have the Holy Spirit aiding them through the joys and trials of this life v16

Questions:

Are you a natural person or a spiritual person?

Do you understand that if you die as a natural person you will be judged based on any breaking of God's law? That will not go well for you...

Do you understand that today you can be given a new life in Christ by believing in the Good News of the Bible... That Jesus died for your sins? Speak to one of church leaders if you have questions

Are you a spiritual person?

Do you understand that your life will be as valuable as waste... If you fail to immerse yourself in God's thoughts?

Final Thought: The Bible: The personal thoughts of the Creator of the Universe. He desires you get to know Him and experience real life!