

First Baptist Church of Progress Village
Wednesday Bible Study
1 Corinthians Chapter 2
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I. God's Wisdom Imparted

1 Corinthians 2:2,5 (KJV) *For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

A. God's **blessings** are a result of God's **power**, not how well a person can **preach**.

Rely on the power of God and not the popularity, prowess, or pedigree of a preacher!

1. **Spiritual** Maturity

1 Corinthians 2:6 (KJV) *Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:*

a) The word "**perfect**" speaks to a spiritually **mature** Christian.

1 Corinthians 3:1 (KJV) *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.*

b) God's Gospel **meets** us where we are, but the deeper lessons come with spiritual maturity.

2. Spiritual **Indwelling** (Acceptance)

1 Corinthians 2:7 (KJV) *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:*

a) Mystery and hidden speak to full **revelation** of God's **saving** grace that would extend beyond Jews to the entire world.

Romans 16:25-26 (NLT2) *Now all glory to God, who is able to make you strong, just as my Good News says. This message about Jesus Christ has revealed his plan for you Gentiles, a plan kept secret from the beginning of time. But now as the prophets foretold and as the eternal God has commanded, this message is made known to all Gentiles everywhere, so that they too might believe and obey him.*

Acts 18:12-16 & Matthew 27:11-26

1 Corinthians 2:8 (KJV) *Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

b) World leaders would have **attempted** to leverage and control.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV) *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

Isaiah 64:4-5 (KJV) *For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for*

him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11 (KJV) But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

c) Only believers **grasp** the **wisdom** of God, because only believers **possess** the **Spirit** of God.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (KJV) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

d) The Holy Spirit **searches** us, knows us, and **teaches** us.

Matthew 13:44-53 (KJV) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. ...⁵¹ Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

e) **Public** parables were followed up with **private** tutoring sessions to make it plain for them.

Romans 8:26-28 (KJV) Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

f) The Holy Spirit works for the **Will** of God, not for the **pleasures** of men.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

g) God's Spirit within us is our super spy **decoder** ring!

B. God's wisdom is **incomparable** to any **knowledge** the world may offer.

1 Corinthians 2:15-16 (KJV) But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

1) We have direct **connection** with and **access** to the power bank of Jesus' wise **discernment**.

John 14:25-26 (KJV) These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

2) God's Will (Father), through the sacrifice of God's Word (Son) give us complete wisdom to live with God's Spirit (Holy Spirit).

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