

## The Wisdom of God Revealed Through the Spirit

### 1 Corinthians 2

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> **For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.** <sup>3</sup> I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. <sup>6</sup> However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory, <sup>8</sup> which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." <sup>10</sup> But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. <sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

### I. The Power of the Gospel Does Not Depend Upon Human Wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:1–5)

- **Galatians 6:14** "God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- **Romans 1:16** "The gospel of Christ... is the power of God to salvation."

Every sermon, Bible lesson, and testimony should ultimately point people to Jesus.

### Subpoint B: God Uses Weakness to Display His Strength

- **2 Corinthians 12:9** "My strength is made perfect in weakness."
- **Judges 7:2** God reduced Gideon's army so Israel would know the victory belonged to Him.

## **II. God's Hidden Wisdom Is Revealed to Spiritually Mature Believers (1 Corinthians 2:6–10)**

### **Subpoint A: God's Plan Exceeds Human Understanding**

- **Isaiah 55:8–9** God's thoughts are higher than ours.
- **Romans 11:33** "How unsearchable are His judgments."

God sees the entire picture while we see only one piece.

### **Subpoint B: The Holy Spirit Reveals God's Truth**

- **John 16:13** The Spirit guides believers into all truth.
- **Ephesians 1:17–18** Paul prayed believers would receive spiritual understanding.

## **III. Spiritual People Discern Spiritual Truth Through the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:11–16)**

### **Subpoint A: Spiritual Discernment Comes Through Spiritual Growth**

- **Hebrews 5:14** Mature believers discern good and evil.
- **Psalms 119:105** God's Word guides our steps.

### **Subpoint B: Believers Possess the Mind of Christ**

- **Philippians 2:5** "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."
- **Romans 12:2** Be transformed by renewing your mind.

### **Reflective Questions**

1. Is my confidence resting more in human ability and worldly wisdom, or in the power of God revealed through the gospel of Jesus Christ?
2. Am I intentionally seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance through Scripture and prayer, or am I allowing the world's values to shape my thinking and decisions?
3. If others observed my attitudes, priorities, and responses, would they see growing evidence that I possess the mind of Christ?