

## 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

### The Gospel Reveals God – The Spirit Give Us Understanding

*RS John 14:18-26*

#### 1 Corinthians 2:6-9 – The Gospel: God's Predestined Wisdom

*7On the contrary, we speak God's hidden wisdom in a mystery, a wisdom God predestined before the ages for our glory.*

**Verse 6:** What is this wisdom that Paul speaks of? The gospel. Ephesians 3:20-21. In contrast, man's wisdom comes to nothing.

**Verse 7:** God purposed in His heart to redeem His people. God planned it and caused it to happen. 1 Peter 1:10-12. Not only did God determine to redeem His people...but it is for our glory. Romans 8:28-30

**Verses 8-9:** Man has not been able to comprehend the glories found in the gospel. Those that do not love God...will never know the wisdom of God. Matthew 7:13-14

#### 1 Corinthians 2:8-11 – The Gospel: Reveals God by the Spirit

*8Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, since the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 9For who knows a person's thoughts except his spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.*

Ultimately, God's wisdom is beyond our own. Therefore, the Spirit graciously and amazingly reveals the gospel to us. Unless the Spirit comes: no eye will see, no ear will hear and no heart will conceive.

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## 1 Corinthians 2:12-16 – The Gospel: Reveals the Spiritually-Minded Believers

*“We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual things to spiritual people. “But the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God’s Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually.*

First step in understanding the things of God...be filled with the Spirit. Unless you have the Holy Spirit...you cannot comprehend the things of God.

**Verse 13:** Explaining spiritual things to spiritual people. Believers are to be naturally spiritually-minded. Meaning, we seek to know and understand the things of God through God’s Wisdom.

## 1 Corinthians 3:1-4 – The Gospel: Reveals the Worldly-Minded Believers

*“I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, since you were not yet ready for it. In fact, you are still not ready, “because you are still worldly. For since there is envy and strife among you, are you not worldly and behaving like mere humans?”*

The gospel not only reveals how we can mature and be spiritually-minded...but the gospel also reveals how we are not growing and are still trying to be worldly-minded.

Indicators that you are too worldly-minded and need to mature as a believer: envy and strife.

The reason the gospel reveals our immaturity (worldly-mindedness) is because the gospel causes us to change: to be shaped into the image of Christ. And there is a massive difference between Christ and the world.

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