

The Mind of Christ

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I Corinthians 2:1-16 ¹When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith would not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. ⁶Among the mature, however, we speak a message of wisdom—but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷No, we speak of the mysterious and hidden wisdom of God, which He destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it. For if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹Rather, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him." ¹⁰But God has revealed it to us by the Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who among men knows the thoughts of man except his own spirit within him? So too, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²We 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴The natural man 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. ¹⁵The spiritual man judges all things, but he himself is not subject to anyone's judgment. ¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. (BSB)

I. What can we learn from this passage?

A. Paul was **not** a dynamic, brilliant, charismatic speaker. V. 1

II Corinthians 10:10 For some say, "His letters are weighty and forceful, but his physical presence is unimpressive, and his speaking is of no account."

B. The **power** of his evangelism was in the demonstration of the **power** of the Holy Spirit. V. 2-5

C. Those who are saved have **access** to the wisdom of God. This is mostly due to the Holy Spirit living in them. V. 6-12

*This wisdom is **hidden**.

*This wisdom is **mysterious**.

*It glorifies us when we **submit** to it.

*This wisdom existed before **time**.

D. The **mind** of Christ develops in us when we submit to the Holy Spirit and we are lifted to a whole new level of **wisdom**. V. 13-16

II. How can we apply these truths?

- A. This should remove the **excuse** that we cannot share what we know and what we have experienced because we are not super gifted in evangelism.
- B. Since the Holy Spirit is a person, we must cultivate a daily **friendship** with Him just like we already have with Jesus Christ.
- C. When we submit to the Holy Spirit, our priorities change to be in **alignment** with the priorities of Jesus Christ.
- D. When we have the mind of Jesus Christ we sin less and our **speech** becomes wiser.