

GOD'S WISDOM

1. Text: I Corinthians 2:10-12
2. I Corinthians is a book filled with problems because of the lack of maturity on the part of the Corinthian Christians. This passage from 2:6 to 3:4 makes important truths clear about God's revelation and man's acceptance of it.

I. Ignorance (2:6-9)

1. Verse 6: We speak wisdom among those who were mature.
2. Not the wisdom of this age.
3. Verse 7: mystery, hidden wisdom, ordained before the ages.
4. For our glory. (I Corinthians 15:43)
5. Verse 8: Rulers of this age didn't know it.
6. Verse 9: Heaven or revealed wonders of the Christian age. (Isaiah 64:4, 65:17)

II. Inspiration (2:10-13)

1. Verse 10: God revealed to us? John 16:13 He will guide you into all truth. (Also John 14:26)
2. Verse 11: The Spirit knows God's mind.
3. Verse 12: We've received the Spirit from God that we might know the things given.
4. "Freely given." "Graciously given to us."
5. Verse 13: We speak in words the Holy Spirit teaches. Verbal inspiration.
6. "Combining or bringing together spiritual things with spiritual words."

III. Illumination (2:14-16)

1. Verse 14: The natural person cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God. They're foolishness to him, can't know, spiritually judged, discerned, perceived.
2. General statement: Not the doctrine of illumination by the Holy Spirit directly on a sinner's heart.
3. Verse 15: The spiritual make judgments correctly; the worldly don't understand.
4. Verse 16: Paul: "We know the mind of Christ."
5. Nothing here contradicts Romans 10:17 and the conversions of Acts.

IV. Immaturity (3:1-4)

1. Verse 1: Babes "in Christ" were and still are "carnal" or belonging to the realm of the flesh, material, worldly.
2. Verse 2: couldn't be fed solid food, only milk.
3. Verse 3-4: Evidence: envy, strife, division among them.

Conclusion:

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