

## **I Corinthians 2:1-16**

1And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. 2For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 3I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, 4and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. **I Corinthians 2:1-5 NASB**

1 AS FOR myself, brethren, when I came to you, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony *and evidence or mystery and secret* of God [concerning what He has done through Christ for the salvation of men] in lofty words of eloquence or human philosophy *and* wisdom; 2 For I resolved to know nothing (to be acquainted with nothing, to make a display of the knowledge of nothing, and to be conscious of nothing) among you except Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and Him crucified. 3 And I was in (passed into a state of) weakness and fear (dread) and great trembling [after I had come] among you. 4 And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the [Holy] Spirit and power [a proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them], 5 So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God. **I Corinthians 2:1-5 AMPC**

**I Corinthians 2:4**...His language and message were set forth in the demonstration of the Spirit and Power. The Greek word for demonstration used here is used of producing proofs in an argument in court...convincing demonstrations of the Holy Spirit's power.

**I Corinthians 2:5** – People's faith must be in the power of God and not in human wisdom, philosophy, or reasoning.

"...My language and the message that I proclaimed were not adorned with persuasive words of earthly wisdom but depended upon truths which the Spirit taught and mightily carried home" ... **I Corinthians 2:4-5 Weymouth NT**

"... I didn't use clever talk to persuade you, but I let the Spirit and His power prove the truth to you..." **I Corinthians 2:4-5 Beck NT**

6Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; 7but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory; 8*the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; 9but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

10 For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. **I Corinthians 2:6-10 NASB**

But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept *or* welcome *or* admit into his heart the gifts *and* teachings *and* revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned *and* estimated *and* appreciated. **I Corinthians 2:14 AMPC**

"...No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind thought of what God has prepared for those who love Him." **I Corinthians 2:9 Beck NT**

"...all that God has in readiness for those who love Him..." **I Corinthians 2:9 Weymouth NT**

"...The things that God has made ready for those who love Him..." **I Corinthians 2:9 Berkley NT**

10 "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me. 11I, even I, am the LORD, and there is no savior besides Me. 12It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed, and there was no strange *god* among you; so you are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And I am God. 13Even from eternity I am He, and there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?" **Isaiah 43:10-13 NASB**

4For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides You, who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him. **Isaiah 64:4 NASB**

How great is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You, which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You, before the sons of men! **Psalm 31:19 NASB**

You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever. **Psalm 16:11 NASB**

“...For us, however, God has drawn aside the veil through the teaching of the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, including the depths of the divine nature.” **I Corinthians 2:10 Weymouth NT**

11For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 12Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, 13which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*. 14But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 15But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. 16For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ. **I Corinthians 2:11-16 NASB**

But as for us, not the spirit of the world system did we receive but the Spirit who is of God in order that we might come to know the things which by God have been in grace bestowed upon us, which things also we put into words, not in words taught by human philosophy but in words taught by the Spirit, fitly joining together Spirit-revealed truths with Spirit-taught words. **I Corinthians 2:12-13 Wuest NT**

“... And he is not able to understand, because they are spiritually examined.” **I Corinthians 2:14 Transline NT**

- The word in Greek for ‘appraised’ or ‘examine’ is used in describing the process of investigation in a judicial hearing...the ‘natural’ man does not have the spiritual ability to properly appraise or examine spiritual people or things.
- “... he cannot understand them because they are appreciated by spiritual insight...” **Williams NT**

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14But a natural man doesn't welcome the things of God's Spirit. He thinks they are foolish and can't understand them, because you must have the Spirit to see their real value. 15If you have the Spirit, you can find out the real value of everything, but nobody can know your real value. 16Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to teach Him? And we have the mind of Christ. **I Corinthians 2:14-16 Beck NT**

For who has known *or* understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide *and* instruct Him *and* give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) *and* do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. **I Corinthians 2:16 AMPC**