

1 Corinthians 2 • Two Kinds of Wisdom

1. (v.1-8) The Gospel and the Mystery

a. The Gospel (v.1-5)

- i. Not man- _____, but God- _____. (v.1)
- ii. Wholly focused on the work of the _____. (v.2)
- iii. Presented in _____ fear and humility. (v.3)
- iv. Not framed by man's polished standards of _____ but genuine spiritual _____. (v.4)
- v. Not _____ by men, but Christ. (v.5)

b. The Mystery (v.6-8)

- i. The "*wisdom of men*" must not _____ the Gospel; "*God's wisdom*" is taught _____ the Gospel is received.
- ii. A biblical "mystery" is truth revealed by the Holy Spirit only to those in God's _____.
- iii. It can only be understood through the _____ which can only come through the message of the _____ and the work of the _____.
- iv. Paul elaborates on the details of this "mystery" in Ephesians 2-3.

2. (v.9-13) The "_____ of this world" and the "_____ of God"

- a. The wisdom of the spirit of this world led men to _____ Christ originally and caused them to repeatedly _____ Him ever since.
- b. The wisdom of the Spirit of God is revealed through _____ Believers to whom the _____ is revealed.

3. (v.14-16) The _____ man and the _____ man.

- a. The natural man "*does not accept the things of the Spirit*" because they have not accepted the _____ and therefore fundamentally reject God's _____.
- b. The spiritual man is able to _____ all things by the Spirit because embracing God's _____ produces in them "*the mind of Christ*".
- c. The first message initiates _____; the second message completes the work of _____.

4. Overall Application

The Wisdom of This World

A wisdom of words (1:7; 2:4)

Man's words (2:4)

The spirit of the world (2:12)

Foolishness to God (1:20)

The philosopher (1:20)

Ignorance (1:21)

Leads to condemnation (1:18)

The Wisdom of God

A wisdom of power, not words alone (2:4-5)

The Spirit's words (2:13)

The Spirit of God (2:14)

Foolishness to men (2:14)

The preacher (1:31; 2:4)

Knowledge of God (2:12)

Leads to glory (1:18; 2:7)

The way someone handles Scripture reveals whether or not they have actually received the requisite "first" message of the _____. God's wisdom is not present where there is no regenerate relationship established through the _____.