

Series "Called To Be Saints"
"God's Teacher"
1 Corinthians 2:1-13
Study-4

Paul in our passage speaks about the availability of God's wisdom.

This letter was not sealed and written to the clergy but to the congregation of the church of Corinth.

1 Corinthians 1:10-6:20 Reproof: The Report Of Sin In The Church:
1 Corinthians 1:10-4:21 Divisions In The Church:

Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Wisdom Is Revealed Through God's Word But Being Understood Exclusively Through The Holy Spirit"

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1. Verses 1-5 God's Wisdom In Evangelism

1 Corinthians 2:1 And - This takes us back to what Paul has been speaking about which is God's wisdom. In God's wisdom, it is God alone who receives the glory not man: **1 Corinthians 1:30-31**

when I came to you, - When did he come to Corinth? Paul came to Corinth on his second missionary visit in **Acts 18:1** 18 months - **Acts 18:1-18**

Paul's Passion For Souls: brethren, - keep in mind who Paul is addressing. He is speaking to Christians, those that are born again.

Paul's Method: I did not come with superiority of speech "*rhetoric*"

Speaks against display of human knowledge, and personal talent!
Let the message be attractive. There is no place for personal display.

Galatians 6:14

Wisdom *the proper application of truth.* **Colossians 2:3**

1 Corinthians 2:2

His Message Was Jesus Exclusively: For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, (Person, deity, humanity, messiahship, His work death burial and resurrection.)

determined – He wrestled this thought through. He had made up his mind.

This is addressing the question Who Is Jesus Christ?

Mark 8:27-29

That when we speak about knowing Him, we are speaking about a person.

John 14:6

and Him crucified. We are speaking about His death, burial and resurrection.

One out of every 44 verses in the NT deals with the theme of Christ's death. His death is mentioned **147 times**.

1 Corinthians 2:3 When Paul came to Corinth he arrived from Athens and Paul was drained.

J.B. Phillips "I was feeling far from strong; I was nervous and rather shaky."

weakness – (Physically) he was weak. He was drained from his encounter with the philosophers.

and in fear – (Mentality) There were at least 700,000 people. Give the message fully, wanting sinners to repent. Weighs on the preacher!

much trembling – (Emotionally) He was on edge. **2 Corinthians 4:8-9** Paul reveals his faults.

2 Corinthian 12:10

Power Of The Preacher: 1 Corinthians 2:4

and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, Paul did not come and try and win converts by **sale techniques, and flowery speech.**

preaching – "a herald or messenger that delivers a message directly from the king" (**Power not in the presentation but the message**)

His preaching was a **“demonstration,” not a “performance.”** The word translated demonstration means *“legal proof presented in court”*

and of power, The Holy Spirit and power can't be separated **Acts 1:8**

**The Teacher's Purpose Is To Get Others To Place Their Faith in God:
1 Corinthians 2:5**

The message should drive us to God, not man.

but on the power of God. That was the problem of this church. That men were elevated to the place of God. **Romans 8:16**

2. Verses 6-9 God's Wisdom Is Unique

1 Corinthians 2:6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; (KJV perfect) - it speaks of the mature.

wisdom – is that which is the proper application of truth. *Could call it hands-on application of that which is right!*

God's Wisdom Is Eternal Never Changing: a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; Worldly, natural and demonic.

1 Corinthians 2:7 but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, - When we speak of mystery, we are speaking of a truth that was not previously understood.

the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; It is a wisdom that has existed before the worlds.

1 Corinthians 2:8

Divine Wisdom Unknown To Those Who Crucified Christ: the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; The political the religious the philosophical.

for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; Annas, Caiaphas, Pilate, Herod did not recognize God!

**God's Wisdom Contrary To Man's Experience: 1 Corinthians 2:9
Isaiah 64:4**

This passage is used for heaven but it is actually speaking about the possible glories of our present life.

but just as it is written, It is the Scriptures that hold the key. The context is the Bible!

GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." Romans 8:28

3. Verses 10-13 God's Wisdom Through The Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:10 For to us - This letter was written to believers. So what we are looking at is spiritual in nature.

God revealed them what is Paul referring to?

The things that God has for us.

Ephesians 5:17

but understand - be wise, "*to set or bring together, to set or join together in the mind, to understand*" God wants us to use the mind that He has given to us with the wisdom.

Holy Spirit Essential In Revelation: through the Spirit; The Holy Spirit in the life of the believer working through the Word.

The Reason The Spirit Is Involved In Revelation: for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

The Holy Spirit knows all about God! **Romans 11:33**

1 Corinthians 2:11

Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Who knows God but God!

The only way to come to know God is not by man's wisdom but through the Holy Spirit teaching and disclosing to us.

1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, What is the spirit of the world? **Ephesians 2:1**

John 14:17; 1 Corinthians 12:13

Holy Spirit Is Essential In Illumination: so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

1 Corinthians 2:13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, - speaking on the things that God's Holy Spirit was leading him in.

words – is the Scriptures, the Word of God. (All Scripture)

but in those taught by the Spirit, Paul was a spiritual man. That his teachings and insights came through the Holy Spirit.

John 7:15-17

combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. In understanding God's vocabulary, we come to understand God's Word and God's will for our lives.

Application:

- 1.** Power Of God Resides In The Message Not The Messenger.
- 2.** The Message Is Exclusively Jesus. His Death, Burial And Resurrection.
- 3.** Weakness Is Good, Because It Forces Us To Rely Upon God, And The Glory Goes To God.
- 4.** God's Wisdom Is Revealed Exclusively Through The Holy Spirit.
- 5.** Only The Child Of God Can Experience And Understand The Wisdom Of God.