

1 Corinthians 06 – 2:9-14

Knowing the Things of God

1. 2:9-10 – What God Hath Prepared

- a. Paul quotes Isa 64:4 because we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery
- b. Prophecy says “since the beginning”, mystery is “hidden wisdom”
- c. BUT the things of God for you are now revealed! - Rom 16:25, Eph 3:2-6, 4:11
- d. We know by his revelation – 2 Pet 1:21, 1 Thess 2:13, Rom 15:19, 1 Cor 12:3, 8-10

2. 2:10-12 – The Deep Things

- a. The world’s “deep things”: emotion, metaphysics, philosophy, religion, piety
- b. The deep things are clearly explained by Paul: Eph 3:18, Rom 11:32-33
- c. 2:11 - The things known are of the spirit (spirit of man, world, of God)
- d. Man consists of spirit, soul, and body – Gen 2:7, Job 27:3, 1 Thess 5:23
- e. 2:12 – We have the Spirit of God by faith – Eph 1:13, Rom 8:8-10, 14, 1 Cor 3:16
- f. “Freely given to us” - salvation, identification, position, blessings – 1 Cor 1:30

3. 2:13 – Comparing Spiritual with Spiritual

- a. The wisdom of the world, wisdom of man = not spiritual → Col 1:9-10, Eph 1:17
- b. Spiritual ~*def.* things unseen, the things of the mind, the things of God
- c. Paul imparts spiritual gifts; which is doctrine (words) - Rom 1:11, 16:25
- d. Spiritual songs are songs that teach the things of God – Col 3:16
- e. The Holy Ghost did some prophetic teaching; now we have an inspired book
- f. “spiritual things” is salvation to gentiles: 1 Cor 9:11, Rom 15:27, 11:11, 30

4. 2:14-15 – The Natural and Spiritual Man

- a. The things the Spirit knows are preached by Paul in 1:17, 1 Cor 14:37-38
- b. The natural man is who you are without Christ crucified – Rom 1:28+, Rom 6:6
- c. You were once foolish / now you have a choice – Titus 3:3, Eph 2:2, 4:17-24
- d. God’s wisdom / Spirit is “foolish” to the world – 1:18, 21, 23, 25, 27
- e. 2:14 - Neither can he know them, because he will not - Rom 8:5-7, Rom 10:17
- f. “judges all things” it takes God’s wisdom to discern – Gal 6:1, Phil 1:9