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Spiritual Wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Series: Following Jesus in the Real World

Central Passage

1 Corinthians 2:10–13 (ESV) — **10** ... For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **11** For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. **13** And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

Central Thought: Wisdom that leads to life and salvation – that answer's life's deepest questions – is a matter of Spirit inspired revelation, not human directed investigation.

Wisdom of the Ages

- ❖ God's ageless wisdom – manifest in and through Christ – is at odds with the "wisdom of this age," and prepares us for the age to come. (Vs.6-9)

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT) — **4** Satan, who is the god of this world [age], has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. (See also 1Cor.1:22-24)

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Galatians 1:3–5 (ESV) — **3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, **4** who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from **the present evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father, **5** to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (See also Matt.12:32; Lk.18:29-30)

- ❖ God's ageless wisdom can only be known by revelation as we are filled with the Spirit of God. (Vs.10-13)

Ephesians 1:15–23 (ESV) — **15** For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, **16** I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, **17** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him**, **18** having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, **19** and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might **20** that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, **21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. **22** And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- ❖ God's ageless wisdom is foolishness to humanists, atheists and religionists. (Vs. 14)

1 Corinthians 1:22–24 (ESV) — **22** For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, **23** but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, **24** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Conclusion

- ❖ As we come to faith in Christ, we are filled with the Spirit of Christ and have access to the very mind of Christ! (Vs. 15-16)