

1 Corinthians 2:1-16 God is Spirit and so is Wisdom

- Verse of the week: 1 Cor. 2:13 “which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, [e]combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.”
- Issue No. 1—Divisions and Quarrels among believers
 - Worldly thinking (wisdom)and prideful boasting in men
 - Ignoring the centrality of the message of the cross
- Paul’s gospel approach to the Corinthians v. 1-5
 - In humility
 - Not in persuasive worldly wisdom
 - But in power through the Spirit
 - With ONE goal in mind
 - » The foundation of their faith
 - Not in the wisdom of men
 - But solely in the power of God
- Wisdom v. 6-16
 - Not all wisdom is bad
 - There is a mystery wisdom that comes from God
 - However it can only be used by the mature
 - It was wisdom that was predestined before the ages
 - No ruler of that age understood it
 - If they had, they wouldn’t have crucified Christ Jesus
 - Where did Paul get this wisdom?
 - From the Spirit of God!
 - » He knows the very thoughts of God
 - » He taught us combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words
 - » He also teaches us the things given us FREELY
- Natural man v. 15
 - Rejects the things of the Spirit of God
 - Foolishness in their minds—they cannot understand them
 - The things of the Spirit are spiritual appraised
- The person in Christ v. 16
 - Appraises all things spiritually
 - They have the mind of Christ!