

Answer Four: God's Revealed Wisdom

1 Corinthians 02: 06–13

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| <p>1 <i>God's wisdom is only for those who seek to be mature before God</i></p> <p>2 <i>God's wisdom is not the wisdom of this age and its leaders</i></p> <p>3 <i>God's wisdom is the wisdom of God Himself</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. The wisdom of God is a secret</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. The leaders of this age do not know the wisdom of God</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1) Proof 1:
They crucified Jesus</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2) Proof 2:
They have never seen
nor heard the truth -
it has never entered their minds</p> <p>4 <i>God's wisdom is revealed only by God's Spirit</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Only God's Spirit knows the wisdom and things of God</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. God's wisdom is revealed to believers</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. God's wisdom is the message taught by the Spirit</p> | <p>6 We do, however,
speak a message of wisdom among the mature,
but not the wisdom of this age
or of the rulers of this age,
who are coming to nothing.</p> <p>7 No, we speak of God's secret wisdom,
a wisdom that has been hidden
and that God destined for our glory
before time began.</p> <p>8 None of the rulers of this age understood it,
for if they had,
they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.</p> <p>9 However, as it is written:
"No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love him" -</p> <p>10 But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.
The Spirit searches all things,
even the deep things of God.</p> <p>11 For who among men
knows the thoughts of a man
except the man's spirit within him?
In the same way no one knows
the thoughts of God
except the Spirit of God.</p> <p>12 We have not received
the spirit of the world
but the Spirit who is from God,
that we may understand
what God has freely given us.</p> <p>13 This is what we speak,
not in words taught us by human wisdom
but in words taught by the Spirit,
expressing spiritual truths
in spiritual words.</p> |
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Answer Five: Understanding the Spiritual Stages of Man

1 Corinthians 02:14 – 03:04

1 *The natural man*

- a. He does not accept the things of the Spirit
- b. He considers them foolishness
- c. He is incapable — spiritually

2 *The spiritual man*

- a. He discerns all things
- b. He is not understood by the natural man
- c. Reason:
He has the mind,
the spirit of the Lord

3 *The carnal, worldly man*

- a. He is not spiritual (mature); he is as a babe in Christ
- b. He has to be fed with milk, not the meat of the Word
- c. He is characterized by division
 - 1) Envy and strife
 - 2) Acting as a mere man
 - 3) Professing to be a follower of mere men — of earthly parties

14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?"
But we have the mind of Christ.

CHAPTER 3

1 Brothers,
I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly — mere infants in Christ.

2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.

3 You are still worldly.
For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly?
Are you not acting like mere men?

4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men?