

The Wisdom of the Spirit (1 Cor 2:10-16)

- Gospel: simple message & yet unfathomable in depth & often misunderstood
- Gospel proves: God chose the foolish things in this world to shame the wise
- Those without the Spirit can't understand the things that come from the Spirit
- Paul contrasts what the Gospel is in comparison to world's wisdom (2:8-14)

I. By the Spirit's Revelation (2: 10-11)

- As a member of the Godhead, the Spirit knows -mind of God perfectly
- God did not reveal His new covenant through angels but the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit used many different agents but the message is entirely His
- As a man knows his own thoughts , so the Holy Spirit knows God's thoughts

II. By the Spirit's Inspiration (2:12-13)

- God reveals the truth of His Gospel through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
- Man cannot find or discover God's truth it must first be revealed by God.
- God's Spirit is freely given to those who believe, it cannot be bought or earned
- God's Word is for everybody but it was only revealed to prophets & apostles
- Only these men can claim to inspired, vehicles of God's Gospel (John 14:26)
- Paul & others: wrote Scriptures did not give their interpretation (**1 Cor 4:6**)
- Bible is there for not only God's Word but it is God's words (vs. 12)
- Every word from God's mouth is inspired & authoritative (**1 John 4:20,27**)

III. By the Spirit's Illumination (2:14-16)

- The third step in the Spirit's transmission of the truth is illumination
- Men can know the Bible but unless God reveals it to them they remain fools
- The natural man cannot know spiritual truth because it is spiritually discerned