

1 Corinthians 2 pt. 2 - Change your mind

Read thru text

We left off in verse 10 of chapter 2 last week but I want to revisit verses 9&10 together before we continue our study in order to frame our text this morning.

v.9-often used by people (out of context) to indicate the things that wait for us in heaven, but that is not the point Paul is making - the point he is making, from Isaiah 64, is that WE DON'T EVEN KNOW! It had not entered into their hearts those things that God had set into motion regarding the redemption of mankind.

v.10 -BUT GOD HAS REVEALED THEM TO US! Whoa! Ref. [Luk 10:23-24 NKJV] 23 Then He turned to [His] disciples and said privately, "Blessed [are] the eyes which see the things you see; 24 "for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen [it], and to hear what you hear, and have not heard [it]."

God shares his wisdom with us!? Why? We are supremely under qualified to keep those deep things. But He delivers them to us by His gracious Spirit. So we concluded with the thought - let God blow your mind.

How does God reveal these deep things to us? Through His Spirit! As opposed to X number of semester hours, or a carefully curated study plan, or maybe I just need a new Bible, or maybe I'll change churches.

God reveals them THROUGH HIS SPIRIT - the living, moving, speaking Holy Spirit - the third way our Holy God relates to us - equal in power, authority, knowing all things and enduring for all time.

*the night of Christ's betrayal Christ instructs them regarding the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit relates to us.

Turn to and read through John 16:12-15

[Jhn 16:12-15 NKJV] 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear [them] now. - ***Jesus had much more to instruct in, and the teacher would come to his students by way of the Holy Spirit.***

13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own [authority], but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. -***the Holy Spirit being equal with and of the same heart as the Father and Son will never contradict or give a private revelation that conflicts with God's word or God's character.***

REF [Jhn 15:26 NKJV] 26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare [it] to you. ***-the Holy Spirit lifts up Christ, glorifies Christ, never detracts from the person of Christ***

15 "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare [it] to you. ***-a beautiful picture of how the trinity works.***

Back to 1 Corinthians 2:10 Paul says that the Spirit searches - examines the deep things of God - of course He does, he is intimately familiar with the mind of God having the same mind and thoughts toward us. How can one truly understand the mind of God apart from adopting that same mind, by internalizing His Spirit?

v.11 - Paul says who really knows what's going on inside that noggin except the spirit of that person? Your internal, hidden being. Even so, that's how God's spirit works.

In a state apart from God's spirit, while we carry about the poisoned mind and Spirit that belongs to all mankind by nature, how can our minds make the great leap to understanding God's wisdom? We can't of our own will or logic naturally understand the vastness of God's mind.

v.12 NOW, or BUT, there is hope, our good Father will not allow us to remain in a perpetual state of stupor - His heart and Spirit yearns for us, always reaching out to us, come along side of us as the PARAKLETOS -

THE COMFORTER, ONE CALLED ALONG SIDE TO HELP OR GIVE COMFORT.

Isn't that amazing? That is God relating to us by His Spirit. Coming alongside in a way that offers comfort to us and teaching us, leading us, instructing us.

[Jhn 14:16 NKJV] 16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

This is that person - not a feeling, not an element, but a real and ever present person.

that we might know - the Holy Spirit, by way of instruction, and displacing our old decrepit minds, allows us to know the deep things of God. How many of our formerly held beliefs have been destroyed by being moved and instructed by God's Word with the understanding of the Holy Spirit?

been freely given to us - to give graciously, like opening the fire hose

God is pouring out spiritual treasure on us by freely, because He desires that we should know Him.

v.13 - we also speak - we don't just grow big heads, or swim around in our treasure pile, basking in the monumental wealth of wisdom our Lord has prepared for us.

[Rom 11:33 NKJV] 33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable [are] His judgments and His ways past finding out!

WE ALSO SPEAK - we use these things as a balm, as a panacea, as provision for the illness and spiritual poverty that plagues our world - our needs are met in the wisdom and person of Christ. That is what we are to pass on, not our own understanding or man's wisdom.

*to the Laodiceans - the lukewarm church

[Rev 3:17-18 NKJV] 17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'--and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked-- 18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, [that] the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

not in words which man's wisdom teaches - Our interactions shouldn't be peppered with man's anecdotal wisdom, but seasoned with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

[Col 4:5-6 NKJV] 5 Walk in wisdom toward those [who are] outside, redeeming the time. 6 [Let] your speech always [be] with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

v.14 - essentially a distilled recap of what we have been discussing since chapter 1:18 - the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing...

Having their consciences seared as with a hot iron, possessing a big scarred mess of a mind, it is difficult for those apart from Christ to receive spiritual things - their minds are firmly set on their immediate desires, their flesh, their wants and needs. Not considering the eternal in their daily existence. Their only hope is a transplant - to receive a new mind.

nor can he - ever wonder why talking to some people is like talking to a brick wall? the things we wish to communicate are spiritually discerned, one has to have that new mind - a mind able to grasp eternal things.

v.15 - appears quite cryptic but if we keep it context it is much simpler - having just discussed the dichotomy of the natural mind and the spiritual mind we see that they are not on equal footing.

The spiritually minded person is, by the grace of God and the instruction of the Holy Spirit, considering the wisdom of God - while the natural man looks upon that person and says, "you're crazy!" He is not rightly judged because he or she doesn't fit into the paradigm of the world's thought pattern.

To chew on and mull over that nature of God's love for us, that he entered into existence to bear our punishment and bring reconciliation between God and man. to consider daily the nature of that perfect love and how it

transforms us into completely new and different people, to consider the nature and purpose of discipleship and faithfulness - these things are weighty and apart from God's spirit are incomprehensible to those looking on from a worldly perspective.

We need to be careful not to extrapolate this out of context to mean that we should not be judged or that we are above criticism. Remembering Paul's words to the Philippian church:

[Phi 3:12 NKJV] 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

v.16 - who has known the mind of the Lord? - what is our hope in understanding these things, after discussing the ever present ministry of the Holy Spirit leading us into all understanding and the vast distance between our natural wisdom and God's wisdom - what hope do we have in understanding the mind of our eternal God?

Change your mind. The only way we can know the mind of the Lord is through a holy transplant. By dumping our old damaged hardware and receiving and upgrade! You have the mind of Christ - that is crazy! How can it be so? "It is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me." (Gal 2:20) My Spirit, my mind, my perspective have been displaced - pushed out of the way by Jesus Christ. We have the mind of Christ.