

Christ Fellowship

Series. I Corinthians

Lesson 6

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“The Letter to the Church of God which is at Corinth”

The True Wisdom is from God, by the Spirit, for the Spiritual: Part I

- I. Introduction, 1.1-9
- II. The problem of divisions in the Corinthian Church reflects a misunderstanding of the apostolic message and messenger, 1.10—4.21.
 - A. The divisions in the Corinthian church caused by following men were contrary to the Apostle Paul's ministry there, 1.10-17.
 - B. The remedy for the Corinthian divisions is a clear understanding that the apostolic message is Christ crucified and its messengers are God's servants, 1.18—4.5.
 - I. The remedy for the Corinthian misconception regarding the message of Christ crucified is that this message is the true wisdom of God, 1.18—3.4.
 - a. The message of Christ crucified diametrically opposes human wisdom which fostered the Corinthian divisions, 1.18—2.5.
 - b. The message of Christ crucified (in fact) reveals the true wisdom of God, 2.6—3.4.
 - 1) The true wisdom of God originates and culminates in God and is hidden from the world, 2.6-9.
 - 2) The true wisdom of God is revealed by the Spirit of God to those who possess the Spirit, 2.10-13.

I Cor 2.6-13

⁶ Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;

⁷ but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory;

⁸ *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

⁹ but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

¹⁰ For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

¹¹ For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

¹³ which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.

New American Standard Bible : 1995 Update (LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1995).