

“LIFE-CHANGING, CROSS-CENTERED, SPIRIT-REVEALED”
1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-16
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INTRO

MESSAGE God’s wisdom, the Word of God, is life-changing, cross-centered, and Spirit-revealed.

- ◆ Paul preached the life-changing Word of God. (1-5)
 - His message (1-2)
 - His method (3-4)
 - His motive (5)
- ◆ Paul preached the cross-centered Word of God. (6-9)
 - The mystery (6-7)
 - The misunderstanding (8-9)
- ◆ Paul preached the Spirit-revealed Word of God. (10-16)
 - By revelation (10-11)
 - By inspiration (12-13)
 - By illumination (14-16)

APPLICATIONS

1. If you have never trusted in Jesus Christ, you do not know God. You cannot know God apart from Christ. You cannot know God apart from His Word and His Spirit. Hell will be populated with countless souls who served a “god” of their own making, and such “gods” are not God at all but only idols of our mind. We cannot know God through our own wisdom or insight. We cannot see, or touch Him. But He has revealed Himself through His Word, the Bible. By the ministry of His Spirit, we can come to know God personally as the One who has provided for the forgiveness of our sins and for eternal life. God has revealed Himself in His Son, who died on the cross of Calvary, bearing the penalty for our sins. He has raised Him from the dead, as proof of His satisfaction with the work of Christ. All we need to do is believe the One whom God sent, that we are sinners, deserving eternal punishment, and that through the death of Christ, we have been punished and raised to newness of life. I urge you to view God through the pages of Holy Scripture and to trust in His provision for salvation in Jesus Christ.
2. My Christian friend, do you believe wisdom comes only from God through the Scriptures by means of the Holy Spirit? If so, where are you seeking daily wisdom to understand the events and crises of daily living? Where are you seeking a knowledge of God and of His “mind?” Where do you go to learn the glories of the coming age and of His promised kingdom? Do you read the Bible or books about the Bible, or do you read “Christian books,” sparse with references to the Word of God or the Spirit of God? God has revealed Himself through His Word and through His Spirit, and we do well to take heed. Heb. 1:1-2 Heb. 2:1-4 1 Pet. 2:1-3 2 Pet. 1:16-21