

## Hidden in Plain Sight, but Widely Rejected

I think it's remarkable how the God's Word is **Hidden "In Plain Sight"** from unbelievers. The essence and Spirit of His Word are not readily accessible from an unbelieving world, and it's right in front of them. And this is by design.

Have you ever tried to have a conversation with someone about a subject you wanted to share, but with whom, though you were both speaking the same language, you were having two very different conversations. Well that's how it is with unbelievers. Their interpretations of the same material we read trends very differently. And there's very little sense in trying to explain much to them because they simply won't likely understand much, if anything, about what we try to convey, particularly concerning Spiritual matters. For us, this is frustrating, especially if it's someone dear to us. For them, well they just think we're being foolish for our beliefs, some of which can be articulated secularly, but much of which cannot.

We believers are blessed with both the Holy Spirit and "**The Mind of Christ**", and that's a major blessing. Lord knows we try and try to get them to understand the things that enlighten us, but more often than not it's an exercise close to futility. But the real challenge is in how that process matures us. Through it we can develop a myriad of Godly traits (patience, perseverance, longsuffering, etc.). And the hope is that at some point, at some unforeseeable place & time, what we've so diligently tried to teach them finally "sinks-in". Then, at that point, the burden shifts to them to make their own choice whom they will serve, the Lord, or the world.

As for me and my house, I think, I pray, it's obvious which side we've chosen.

I hope you have an amazing day!!

- Jack

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### 1 Corinthians 2 (NIV)

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup>For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. <sup>4</sup>My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

### God's Wisdom Revealed by the Spirit

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,  
what no ear has heard,  
and what no human mind has conceived”—  
the things God has prepared for those who love him—

<sup>10</sup> these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

<sup>14</sup> The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

<sup>15</sup> The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, <sup>16</sup> for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.