

THE WISDOM OF GOD

I COR 2:6-11

Introduction:

- A. Paul reminds the Corinthians of his coming among them.v1
 - 1. "Not with excellency of speech."
 - 2. "Nor man's wisdom."

- B. His body presence was weak. v3
 - 1. "and I was with you in weakness, and in fear."
 - 2. "and in much trembling."

- C. Why did Paul do this. v5
 - 1. "Your faith...not stand in man's wisdom."
 - 2. "but in the power of God."

I. PAUL DID SPEAK WISDOM. V6-8

- A. Paul does not say that he does not speak wisdom.
 - 1. "To them that are mature we speak wisdom."
 - a. perfect = teleios - what has reached its end, term, or limit; complete, full, mature.
 - b. The mature, grown-up ones.
 - 2. "not the wisdom of this world."
 - 3. "nor of the princes of this world that come to nought."
 - a. archon = one first in power, a ruler.
 - b. nought = to render inactive.

- B. We speak a revealed wisdom. v7
 - 1. "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery."
 - 2. mystery = a secret, etymology may be from a word meaning "sealed lips" hence, the secret of a private friend.
 - 3. The wisdom of God is revealed by God, it is not the wisdom man has discovered. If God had not revealed it, man would not have known it.

4. "even the hidden wisdom."
 - a. hidden = apokrupto - to hide away from anyone [cryptic].
 - b. The revelation of God's wisdom has been progressive.
5. "which God ordained before the world unto our glory"
 - a. Which God marked off as His plan to bring us all to glory.

- C. The leaders of the world were unaware of this wisdom.
 1. "which none of the leaders of this world knew."
 - a. The Roman leadership.
 2. "for had they known it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."
 - a. crucified = is the key word in God's revealed wisdom.

II. MEN BY THE USE OF THEIR WISDOM COULD NOT KNOW THE GLORIOUS FUTURE OF THOSE WHO KNOW GOD. V9

- A. "As it is written.."
 1. Isa. 64:4 "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him."
- B. Men have not been able to discover the glories of God by applying their senses in inquiry.
 1. "Eye hath not seen." What do you see?
 2. "Nor ear heard." What do you hear?
 3. "Neither has it entered into the heart of man."
What do you think?
- C. Man cannot by any type of investigation discover what God's plan is for His people!
 1. Pharaoh was a "Prince" of this world.
 2. What about our world leadership?

III. GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF TO US.

- A. "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit."
 - 1. We are not in ignorance!
 - 2. It is by and through the Spirit.

- B. "for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."
 - 1. searcheth = used of dogs tracing their game by foot; to search by uncovering.
 - 2. The Spirit searches everywhere for all of the truth about God.
 - 3. deep things = depth or metaphorically, to mark greatness of quantity.
 - 4. The Spirit of God knows everything about God, and reveals spiritual truth to man.

IV. WHO WOULD KNOW GOD OTHER THAN THE SPIRIT OF GOD. V11

- A. Who knows the things of a man?
 - 1. "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?"
 - a. Your, "inward man" knows you as you are.
 - b. The spirit in a man, knows the man.
 - 2. The Spirit knows what we are.
 - a. The righteousness of God.
 - b. The righteousness of God advertised.

Pharisee and Sinner.

- B. "Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."
 - 1. The Spirit knows God.
 - 2. The Spirit reveals God.
 - 3. We worship God in spirit and in truth.

V. THE SPIRIT TESTIFIES TO OUR SPIRIT.

- A. The Spirit convicts.
- B. The Spirit teaches.
- C. The Spirit births.