

1 Corinthians

Chapter 2

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How this study handout is structured

We will go
verse by verse
(as appropriate)

Matthew 1:1

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- The book of the generation. This is the proper title of the chapter. It is the same as to say, "The account of the ancestry or family, or the genealogical table of Jesus Christ." The phrase is common in Jewish writings. Compare [Ge 5:1](#), "This is the book of the generations of Adam," that is, the genealogical table of the family or descendants of Adam.

- **Matthew 1:1** This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Barnes

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9:00 am Wednesday, 6:45 pm Wednesday

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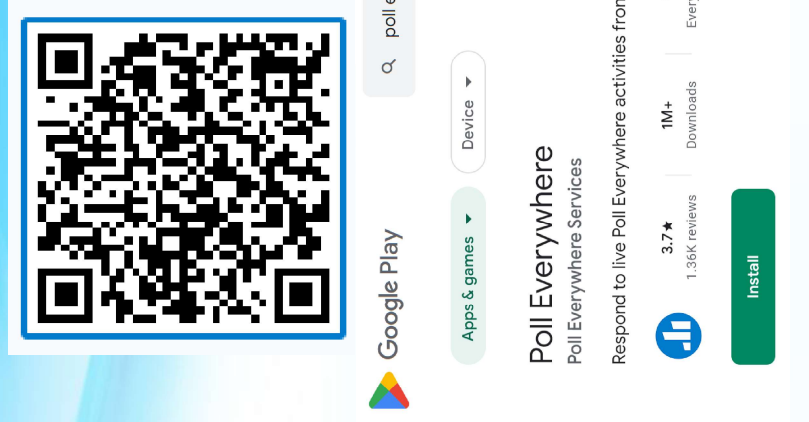
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1 Corinthians - Outline

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Chapter 2 Background and Introduction

The design of this chapter is the same as the concluding part of [1Co 1:17-31](#), to show that the gospel does not depend for its success on human wisdom, or the philosophy of men. This position the apostle further confirms,

- (1.) [1Co 2:1-5](#), by a reference to his own example, as having been successful among them, and yet not endowed with the graces of delivery, or by a commanding address; yet,
- (2.) lest it should be thought that the gospel was real folly, and should be scorned, he shows in the remainder of the chapter, [1Co 2:6-16](#), that it contained true wisdom; that it was a profound scheme--rejected, indeed, by the men of the world, but **seen to be wise by those who were made acquainted with its real nature and value**, [1Co 2:5-16](#).

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Chapter 2 Background and Introduction

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Contextual Reading 2 Corinthians 2:1-5

The Apostle's Preaching

¹And 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. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

1 Corinthians 2:1

- Paul was a double graduate, having graduated in the Greek colleges of Tarsus and the Hebrew universities of Jerusalem, a member of the Sanhedrin, standing at the front of the world, both literary and ecclesiastical. Yet he died to all the majesty and splendor of his former self, coming down to the level of the illiterate fishermen of Galilee. He appears before the people simply "*proclaiming the testimony of God.*"

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- **1 Corinthians 2:1**
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with me, brothers
and sisters.
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about God. 10

1 Corinthians 2:1

- Ministers of the gospel should not be too anxious to be distinguished for excellency of speech or language. Their aim should be to speak the simple truth, in language pure and intelligible to all. Let it be remembered, that if there ever was any place where it would be proper to seek such graces of eloquence, it was Corinth. If in any city now, or in any refined and genteel society, it would be proper, it would have been proper in Corinth. Let this thought rebuke those who, when they preach to a lively and fashionable group, seek to fill their sermons with ornament rather than with solid thought; with the glitter of rhetoric, rather than with pure language. Paul was *right* in his course, and was *wise*. ... →

1 Corinthians 2:1

And the man who is called to preach in a rich and fashionable congregation should remember that he is stationed there not to please the ear, but to save the soul; that his object is not to display his talent or his eloquence, but to rescue his hearers from ruin. This purpose will make the mere ornaments of rhetoric appear small. It will give seriousness to his discourse; gravity to his diction; earnestness to his eloquence; heart to his arguments; and success to his ministry.

When sharing your faith or discussing spiritual matters, which approach do you most often take?

I rely heavily on persuasive arguments and eloquent speech 0%

I focus on simple, clear presentation of Christ and His gospel 0%

I avoid these conversations because I don't feel qualified 0%

I mix worldly wisdom with biblical truth to make it more appealing 0%

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1 Corinthians 2:2

- I resolved not to give my time and attention while among you to the laws and traditions of the Jews; to your orators, philosophers, and poets; to the beauty of your architecture or statuary; to a contemplation of your customs and laws; but *to attend* to this only-- making known the cross of Christ. ... Paul says that he designed that this should be the only thing on which his mind should be fixed; the only object of his attention; ...

Barnes

- 1 Corinthians 2:2
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2

- How often is that passage misunderstood. The Apostle was not doing this one thing as the only thing he was doing, but he was doing this as the supreme motive and purpose and object of his life, and that supreme purpose ruled all minor things. Often, we are exhorted by the apostolic motto to concentration of mind, saying, This one thing I do, and nothing else. The Apostle never said so. He said, Whatever else I may be doing, I am certain about doing this particular thing, namely, pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus; I may be doing countless other things, all partaking of the quality of this supreme purpose, but this—this I am certain about. Where did Paul learn this great and gracious doctrine? →

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1 Corinthians 2:2

Where he learned everything of the nature of Christian doctrine and Christian philosophy. He learned it in the school of Jesus Christ. Does Jesus Christ lay down this rule of supremacy of purpose? Yes, he does. Where? In these words:—"*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*"

- **Have a supreme purpose.** Every man should have a supreme purpose in life; it will give definiteness to all his processes of thought and action. How many aimless people there are in the world! They awake in the morning without a plan, they make no program, they draw up no scheme; they may be east or west, and it is just possible they may be north or south; →

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1 Corinthians 2:2

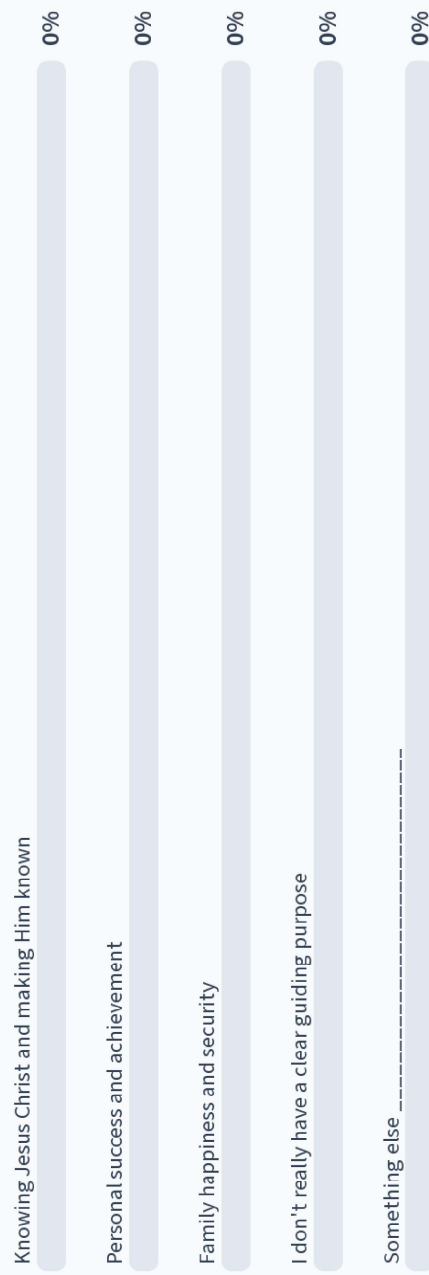
they are driving without direction. What does all this come to? To ruin, to disappointment, to despair. Whenever the Apostle Paul woke up, he knew that what he had to do that day was to proclaim Jesus Christ and him crucified, to make these great histories and doctrines clearer and clearer to human comprehension. Whatever else the day might ask at his hands that tribute must be paid.

Parker

- **Learn, 1.** That as all of Christ, so more especially his death in all the mysteries of it, ought to be the principal subject of a Christian's study and knowledge. **Learn, 2.** That as there is no doctrine more excellent in itself, so none more necessary to be preached, than the doctrine of Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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Based on the majority of your time and effort thus far in 2025 what would you conclude your "supreme purpose" is?



1 Corinthians 2:3

- In weakness--fear--trembling; he knew that he had many enemies. He felt deeply his insufficiency, and was fearful that he should fail of success. God, however, who knew his difficulties, had compassion on him, and encouraged him to go forward. FBN
- **Acts 18:9-10 (KJV)** Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

- 1 Corinthians 2:3 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.

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1 Corinthians 2:3

- The bravest are not those who do not experience any sensation of fear, but rather those who keenly appreciate danger, who have an instinctive shrinking from it, and yet eventually by their moral might conquer this dread. There are traces of this element in St. Paul's character to be found in several places, as, for example, in [Ac 18:9](#), when the Lord encourages him when laboring at Corinth with the hopeful words, "Be not afraid;" again in [Ac 23:11](#), when the terrible scene before Ananias had depressed him, the Lord is with him to strengthen him, "Be of good cheer, Paul;" and in [Ac 27:24](#), when the angel of the Lord appears to him amid the storm and shipwreck, "Fear not, Paul."

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1 Corinthians 2:4

- *And my preaching was not in the persuasive words.* By the *persuasive words of man's wisdom* he means that exquisite oratory which aims and strives rather by artifice than by truth, and also an appearance of refinement, that allures the minds of men. Calvin
- **But in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.** Filled by the Holy Spirit, he spoke in its power, and thus moved upon the hearts of his hearers. His words were also supported by the power of the Spirit shown in miracles ([Ro 15:19](#); [2Co 12:12](#)). PNTC

- **1 Corinthians 2:4**
My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,

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1 Corinthians 2:5

- When nothing but Christ crucified is plainly preached, the success must be entirely from Divine power accompanying the word, and thus men are brought to believe, to the salvation of their souls. MHCC
- The more deeply ministers of the gospel feel their own insufficiency, and their dependence on God for success, the more likely it is that their preaching will be attended by the power of the Holy Ghost, and thus rendered effectual to the salvation of men. [2Co 12:9-10](#).

- **1 Corinthians 2:5**
so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

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Contextual Reading 2 Corinthians 2:6-13

The Revelation of the Spirit

⁶We 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. ⁷No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹However, 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— ¹⁰these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

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Contextual Reading 2 Corinthians 2:6-13

The Revelation of the Spirit

¹¹For 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. ¹²What 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. ¹³This 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.

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1 Corinthians 2:6

- The "wisdom" of the gospel is that deep spiritual truth which only those whose spiritual natures have been trained and cultivated were capable of understanding. This "wisdom," however, the Apostle had not taught the Corinthians; he had only taught them the alphabet of Christianity, for they were still but "babes"—they were still only "fleshly" ([1Co 3:3](#)). That the Apostle himself not only grasped the higher truths which he designates the "wisdom" of the gospel, but taught them gladly when there were hearers capable of appreciating them, is evident from many passages in the Epistles to the Romans, Colossians, and Ephesians, where he unfolds the "mysteries" of the gospel. (See [Ro 11:25](#); [16:25](#).)

- **1 Corinthians 2:6**
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. 25

1 Corinthians 2:6

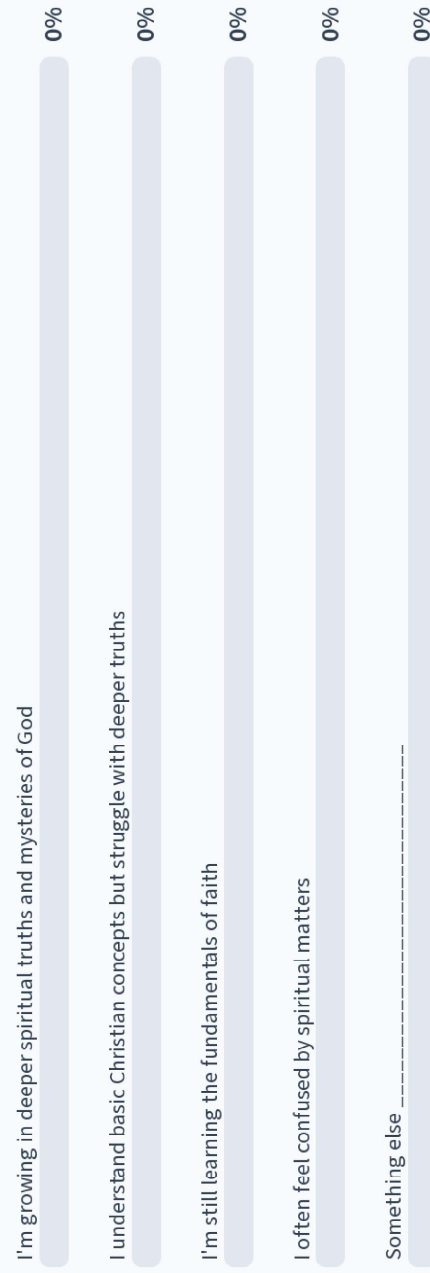
Wisdom, human and Divine: — A blind tortoise lived in a well.

Another tortoise, a native of the ocean, in its inland travels happened to tumble into this well. The blind one asked of his new comrade whence he came. "From the sea." Hearing of the sea, he of the well swam round a little circle, and asked, "Is the water of the ocean as large as this?" "Larger," replied he of the sea. The well tortoise then swam round two-thirds of the well, and asked if the sea was as big as that. "Much larger than that," said the sea tortoise. "Well, then," asked the blind tortoise, "is the sea as large as this whole well?" "Larger," said the sea tortoise. "If that is so," said the other, "how big, then, is the sea?" →

1 Corinthians 2:6

The sea tortoise replied, "You having never seen any other water than that of your well, your capability of understanding is small. As to the ocean, though you spent many years in it, you would never be able to explore the half of it, nor to reach the limit, and it is utterly impossible to compare it with this well of yours." The tortoise replied, "It is impossible that there can be a larger water than this well; you are simply praising up your native place in vain words

How would you assess your current spiritual maturity?



1 Corinthians 2:7

- But we speak the mysterious wisdom of God, which was hidden for many ages from all the world, and is still hidden even from "babes in Christ;" much more from all unbelievers. Which God ordained before the world - So far is this from coming to nought, like worldly wisdom. For our glory - Arising from the glory of our Lord, and then to be revealed when all worldly glory vanishes.

Wesley

- **1 Corinthians 2:7**
No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

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1 Corinthians 2:8

- All persons, however great their advantages, who are not taught by the Holy Spirit, are exceedingly ignorant of divine things. Truths are plainly revealed of which they have no just conception, because they love darkness rather than light, their deeds being evil. In their ignorance they may commit crimes which will bring interminable evils upon themselves and others.

FBN

- **1 Corinthians 2:8**
None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

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1 Corinthians 2:9

- The sense of what is written, [Isa 64:4](#), is plainly the same with what he speaks in this place; the greatest difference is, the apostle saith, *them that love him*; the prophet, *him that waiteth for him* (which is the certain product and effect of love). The whole 64th chapter of Isaiah ([Isa 64](#)), and some chapters following, treat concerning Christ; so does this text. Christ and his benefits are to be understood here, by *the things which God hath prepared for them that love him*; which are set out as things not obvious to sense, nor to be comprehended by reason. →

Poole

- 1 Corinthians 2:9
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—

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1 Corinthians 2:9

- It could never have entered into the heart of men to conceive, that God should give his only begotten Son out of his own bosom, to take upon him our nature, and to die upon the cross; or, that Christ should so far humble himself, and become obedient unto death.

Poole

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1 Corinthians 2:10

- This Teacher *has infinite knowledge*. "The Spirit searches all things." The word "searches" must not be taken, I presume, in the sense of investigation, but rather in the sense of complete knowledge. Pulpit
- *The things of God revealed by the Spirit*: — When a telescope is directed towards some distant landscape, it enables us to see what we could not otherwise have seen; but it does not enable us to see anything which has not a real existence in the prospect before us. It does not present to the eye illusive imagery, neither is that a fanciful and → Bibillus

- 1 Corinthians 2:10
these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

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1 Corinthians 2:10

artificial scene which it throws open to our contemplation. The natural eye saw nothing but blue land stretching along the distant horizon. By the aid of the glass there bursts upon it a charming variety of fields and woods, and spires and villages. Yet who would say that the glass added one feature to this assemblage? It discovers nothing to us which is not there; nor, out of that portion of the book of nature which we are employed in contemplating, does it bring into view a single character which is not really and previously inscribed upon it. And so of the Spirit. He does not add a single truth or a single character to the book of revelation. He enables the spiritual man to see; but the spectacle which He lays open is consistent and unchanging.

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1 Corinthians 2:11

- A man's spirit knows all his secrets, though these are unknown to another man. So God's Spirit knows the Divine secrets, and imparts these wherever he dwells in full measure as the Spirit of knowledge.

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- **1 Corinthians 2:11**
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.

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1 Corinthians 2:12

- ...this gospel which we have received from heaven, makes us heavenly-minded. The world seek their own, we seek the glory of Christ; the one makes us wise for time, the other for eternity.

Sutcliffe

- **Colossians 3:1-2 (KJV)** If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

- **1 Corinthians 2:12**
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.

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1 Corinthians 2:13

- Now he returns to his purpose, and concludes the argument which he began in verse six [1Co 2:6](#), and it is this: the words must be applied to the matter, and the matter must be set forth with words which are proper and appropriate for it: now this wisdom is spiritual and not from man, and therefore it must be delivered by a spiritual type of teaching, and not by enticing words of man's eloquence, so that the simple, and yet wonderful majesty of the Holy Spirit may appear in it.

Geneva

- 1 Corinthians 2:13
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. 37

Contextual Reading 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

The Helplessness and Ignorance of the Natural Man

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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1 Corinthians 2:14

• Paul divides men into three classes: **1.** psychikos, "of the senses" [Jas 3:15](#); [Jude 19](#) or "natural," i.e. the Adamic man, unrenewed through the new birth [Joh 3:3,5](#); **2.** pneumatikos, "spiritual," i.e. the renewed man as Spirit-filled and walking in the Spirit in full communion with God [Eph 5:18-20](#) and **3.** sarkikos, "carnal," "fleshly," i.e. the renewed man who, walking "after the flesh," remains a babe in Christ [1Co 3:1-4](#). →

• **1 Corinthians 2:14** 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.

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1 Corinthians 2:14

- The natural man may be learned, gentle, eloquent, fascinating, but the spiritual content of Scripture is absolutely hidden from him; and the fleshly, or carnal, Christian is able to comprehend only its simplest truths, "milk" [1Co 3:2](#).

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1 Corinthians 2:15

- **Makes judgments about all things** The spiritual man is qualified to sift, to examine, to decide rightly, because he has the eyes of his heart enlightened ([Eph 1:18](#)) and is no longer blinded by the god of this world ([2Co 4:4](#)). There is a great lesson for Christians who know by personal experience the things of the Spirit of God. Men of intellectual gifts who are ignorant of the things of Christ talk learnedly and patronizingly about things of which they are grossly ignorant. The spiritual man is superior to all this false knowledge. **But such a person is not subject to merely human judgments.** Men will pass judgment on him, but the spiritual man refuses to accept the decision of his ignorant judges.

- **1 Corinthians 2:15**
The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,

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1 Corinthians 2:15

In what sense does the spiritual person make judgments about all things?

The word judge can have many shades of meaning. Here it suggests mature discernment. The truly spiritual person can determine what is or is not of Christ (verses 6–16), how to respond to the immoral (1 Corinthians 5:1–13), whether or not to eat meat sacrificed to idols (1 Corinthians 10:14–33), how to behave at the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 11:17–34) and so forth.



1 Corinthians 2:16

- **But we.**—That is, spiritual men, including the Apostles. The Apostle here identifies Christ with the Spirit, whom he has previously spoken of as the Teacher of spiritual things. He does not mean to assert that the Apostles knew all that the mind of Christ knew, but that all things which they did know were from Him and spiritual ([Joh 15:15](#)).

Ellicott

- **1 Corinthians 2:16**
for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

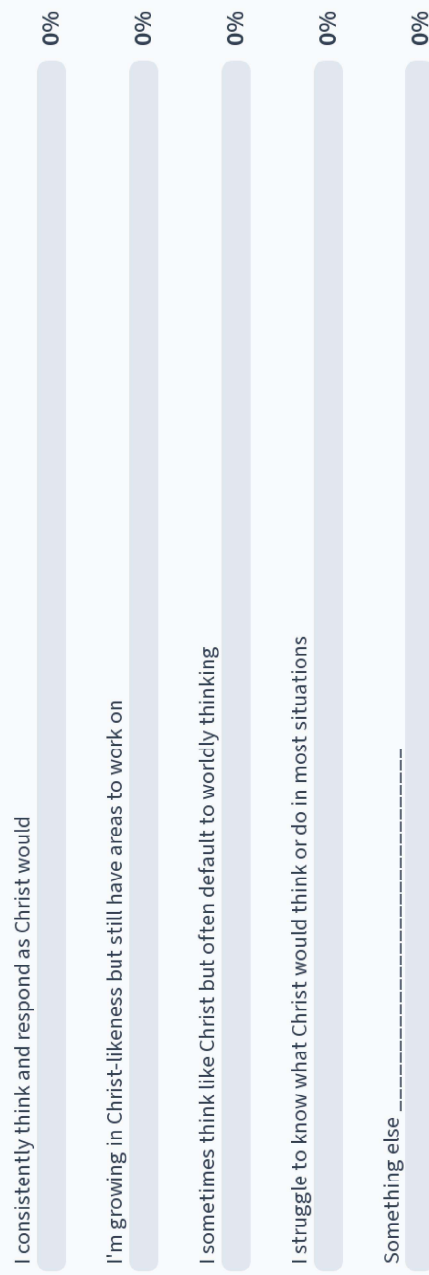
1 Corinthians 2:16

- That is, "What man, without divine revelation and spiritual illumination, ever knew or understood the mind of God so well, as to be able to instruct, direct, and inform the spiritual man about it? But we who are spiritual have the mind of Christ, and so are able to discern and direct, to guide and instruct, others about it." Learn hence, That none are fit and sufficient to interpret the mind of God unto others, who are not acquainted with it themselves. **We have the mind of Christ**, saith the apostle of himself, and his fellow-laborers in the gospel: his meaning is not only this, that they had the mind of Christ written in a book, but that they had a clear understanding of it, and so were fitted to interpret it to others.

Burkitt

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Having the Mind of Christ - How well do your thoughts, attitudes, and judgments align with Christ's character?



1 Corinthians 2:16

Who hath known the mind of the Lord? "The Lord" is Jehovah.

This is the *reason* why no one can judge the spiritual man in his spiritual life. To do so is like judging God. **We have the mind of Christ.** So Christ himself had told the apostles; [[Joh 15:15](#)] and St. Paul always claimed to have been taught by direct revelation from Christ. [[Ga 1:11-12](#)] They had the *Spirit* of Christ, [[Ro 8:9](#)] and therefore the *mind* of Christ.

"The mind of Christ."

Some professed Christians have the *name*, and only the name, of Christ. Some are satisfied to have in sacramental bread what represents the *body* of Christ. →

1 Corinthians 2:16

"We," says the apostle, and all true Christians will in a lowly grateful spirit unite in the same profession—"we have the *mind* of Christ."

I WHAT IS MEANT BY "THE MIND OF CHRIST? His earthly ministry, his counsels and promises to his disciples, his willing sacrifice, revealed that mind; and that so fully and so clearly that we may justly say, that mind has become and is the richest heritage and possession of humanity.

1. His was the mind that *saw the truth*. He did not reason it out or accept it from authority; he looked it in the face; he was naturally and perfectly and always acquainted with it. →

1 Corinthians 2:16

2. His was the mind that *loved the good*. It was through no fierce struggle that Jesus came to admire and to appreciate moral beauty; for goodness was natural to him and perfectly congenial and delightful to his being.
3. His was the mind that *chose the right*. The will of man is often vacillating and varying, and in some cases it persistently chooses evil. But throughout Christ's ministry, righteousness was not the law to which he submitted, but the very life he lived. There is no instance of his preferring the wrong; he was without sin.
4. His was the mind that *thought and planned and suffered for all men*. It is not a just view of the mind of the Lord Christ to regard it as personal character. →

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1 Corinthians 2:16

For he was the Son of man, and took all humanity into the embrace of his great and comprehensive mind. He thought and spoke of all men as most closely related to himself. To know his mind is to know alike the mind of man and the mind of God.

II How can WE PARTAKE "THE MIND OF CHRIST? When we consider what that mind was, we may well be all but hopeless of possessing and of sharing it. Yet it is his will that his mind should be ours, and he has made provision for our participation in, our appropriation of, his mind.

1. We *acquire knowledge* of that mind through the record of the gospel. →

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1 Corinthians 2:16

His words, his miracles, his conduct, his sufferings, were all a revelation of his mind; pondering them, we come near to the thought, to the heart, of our Savior.

2. *We receive with faith* the all sufficient redemption he has effected. He is not only a Teacher, he is not only a Revelation of the Father; he is the Savior. And it is in accepting the salvation which is through him that we are re-created in the likeness of his holy mind and nature.

3. *We do his will*, and learn that obedience is the method by which we attain to a more thorough sympathy with him. Thus, a growing revelation on his part brings about a growing understanding on ours.

1 Corinthians 2:16

III HOW CAN WE PROVE OURSELVES TO HAVE "THE MIND OF CHRIST"?

1. By our judgment concerning spiritual things; for these are spiritually discerned by the disciplined, the sympathetic, mind.

2. *By our life of loving service*; for "if a man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Reference Scriptures

- **Acts 18:9 (KJV)** Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:
- **Acts 23:11 (KJV)** And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.
- **Acts 27:24 (KJV)** Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.
- **1 Corinthians 3:2 (KJV)** I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to *bear it*, neither yet now are ye able.
- **1 Corinthians 3:3 (KJV)** For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

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Reference Scriptures

- **2 Corinthians 4:4 (KJV)** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
- **2 Corinthians 12:12 (KJV)** Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.
- **Ephesians 1:18 (KJV)** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
- **Galatians 1:11-12 (KJV)** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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Reference Scriptures

- **John 15:15 (KJV)** Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.
- **Romans 8:9 (KJV)** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
- **Romans 11:25 (KJV)** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
- **Romans 15:19 (KJV)** Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

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Reference Scriptures

- **Romans 16:25 (KJV)** Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

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