

The Mind of Christ

Has anyone read a book this year that is over 100 years old?

How do you know Wisdom? Some Corinthian Markers:

- **New...**

Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Acts 17:21 (ESV)

- **Eloquent...**

- **Popular...**

It's Fluff!

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

1 Corinthians 2:6 (ESV)

Notice how we go from one new and eloquent and popular thing to another? And we get **stuck in the genre**. That is an indication that something inside us is broken.

Interview on NPR this weekend of a Hollywood scriptwriter who had converted. For every 'fluff' movie, there are 7 followups. For every 'salvation' themed movie, there are none.

And worse; it is deadly:

None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:8 (ESV)

How do you know Wisdom?

It is Ancient, and it is Deep

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

1 Corinthians 2:7 (ESV)

Our **salvation is not an afterthought**, a 'what are we going to do now' response to the world going wrong.

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10 (ESV)

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him?

You know what Paul is saying here...

So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12 (ESV)

Picture: the Spirit diving into the depths of God... surfacing with the truest and best wisdom...

It is Ancient, and it is Deep

Spoken in Words, Understood by the Spirit

And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

1 Corinthians 2:13 (ESV)

The Spirit Opens Your Mind and Expands your Capacities

But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it,

Comment on the **capacities of the natural, fallen mind**

Note **Jesus `opening their minds** so they could understand the scriptures' in Luke 24.

For only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others.

But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.
1 Corinthians 2:14-17 (NLT)

The mind of Christ is given by the Spirit in conversion. Grown by the Spirit as you read the scriptures. **Given and grown.**

That is Paul's appeal to them. You've been given the Spirit. Stop thinking like natural men and women. **Think like Spiritual men and women.**

The Deepest Wisdom Is Shaped Like the Cross of Christ

"We preach Christ crucified..."

Foolish to those who are passing away – but God's deepest wisdom

Weakness to those... but God's greatest strength...