

Studies in First Corinthians

NT Survey Lesson 88--1 Corinthians 2

Introduction: In chapter one Paul emphasizes that God's wisdom and power have been made available to us through Christ. In this chapter he emphasizes that God's message is made known by the revelation of the Holy Spirit. So then, our faith should not be in men and their wisdom but in God's wisdom made known in the New Testament.

Lesson aim: To show that the gospel is the Holy Spirit's revelation of God's wisdom and that we should be united by trusting it and not men.

Paul's preaching at Corinth--1 Cor. 2:1-5

1. Which of these did Paul use in declaring the testimony of God to the Corinthians?: a. superior wisdom; b. superior speech; c. both of these; d. neither of these.
2. What was the only thing Paul was determined to know among the Corinthians? Why?
3. In what did Paul not want the Corinthians to put their faith?
4. What did the Holy Spirit enable Paul to do to demonstrate that God's power was with him?

The gospel is the Holy Spirit's revelation of God's wisdom--1 Cor. 2:6-16

1. What kind of people recognize the wisdom that is found in the word of God?
2. Was this wisdom understood by the rulers of the world?
3. What did they do to Christ that shows they did not understand the wisdom of God that came through Christ?

4. Had eye seen, ear heard, or had man thought of the things that God had prepared for man's salvation?
5. How were the things God had prepared for man revealed to man?
6. Is it possible to know a man's mind if he does not reveal what he is thinking?
7. Is it possible to know God's mind unless He reveals what He is thinking?
8. Who did the Spirit use to reveal the thoughts of God to man?
9. Did the Spirit give the apostles both the thoughts and words they needed to reveal God's message?
10. How does the natural man react to the revelation of the Spirit? Why?
11. What does the spiritual man do?
12. If we understand the revelation of the Spirit, whose mind do we have?