

5 – WISDOM & IMMATURITY (1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-3:4)

I. The Wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 2:6-16)

A. The Gospel is not Human Wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:6-9)

1. The Gospel Contains the Wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 2:6)

- Paul makes the point that the gospel was not void of wisdom.
- It contains a wisdom that only the mature understand.
- It is not the wisdom of this age.

2. The Nature of God's Wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:7)

- God's wisdom contained a mystery that was not fully revealed.
- It was wisdom that God planned before the beginning of the ages.

3. The Ignorance of Earthly Rulers (1 Corinthians 2:8)

- None of the earthly rulers understood the nature of this wisdom.
- Paul states that if they did, they would not have crucified Jesus.

4. God's Plan (1 Corinthians 2:9)

- Man is not capable of understanding the blessings that God made ready for believers.

B. The Origin of the Message (1 Corinthians 2:10-13)

1. The Instrument of Revelation (1 Corinthians 2:10)

- God reveals His wisdom through the Holy Spirit.
- There is nothing that is beyond the knowledge of the Holy Spirit.

2. The Enablement of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:11)

- The Spirit knows God personally.

3. The Spirit's Indwelling (1 Corinthians 2:12)

- Believers have received the Holy Spirit.
- Through the Holy Spirit, we are able to understand the wisdom of God.

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4. The Source of Their Teaching (1 Corinthians 2:13)

- Paul states that it is this wisdom that they are teaching.

C. The Revelation of God's Wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:14-16)

1. The Inability of Natural Man (1 Corinthians 2:14)

- Natural man cannot understand the things of God.
- They are foolishness to him.

2. The Understanding of Spiritual Man (1 Corinthians 2:15-16)

- Spiritual man is able to understand all things with the wisdom of God.

II. Corinthian Immaturity (1 Corinthians 3:1-4)

A. Paul's Approach (1 Corinthians 3:1)

- Paul tells them that he cannot address them as spiritually mature believers.

B. The Level of Paul Teaching (1 Corinthians 3:2a)

- Paul tells them that they are not able to move beyond elementary teaching.

C. The Level of Their Maturity (1 Corinthians 3:2b-3)

- Paul states that they are spiritually immature and fleshy.

D. The Evidence of Their Immaturity (1 Corinthians 3:4)

- Their immaturity is evidence by the fact that the church is fragmented.