

# 1 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16

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**God's wisdom for His Church**, which **lived(es) amidst** a **prosperous, arrogant** and **aggressively rebellious culture**, yet is commanded by God to **become** and **remain holy** (moral and separate).

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## **1 Corinthians 1:18, 2:11-13 (NASB95)**

<sup>18</sup> For the **word of the cross** is **foolishness** to those who **are perishing**, but to us who **are being saved** it is **the power of God**.

<sup>11</sup> For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so **the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God**.<sup>12</sup> Now **we have received**, not the **spirit of the world**, but **the Spirit who is from God**, so that **we may know the things freely given to us by God**,<sup>13</sup> **which things we also speak**, not in **words taught by human wisdom**, but in **those taught by the Spirit**, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.

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## **1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NASB95)**

<sup>14</sup> **But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God**, for **they are foolishness to him**; and

**he CANNOT understand them**, because **they are spiritually appraised**.

<sup>15</sup> **But he who is spiritual appraises all things**,

### **John 3:3-8 (NASB95)**

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God**."

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said\* to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God**.<sup>6</sup> "That which is **born of the flesh is flesh**, and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit**.<sup>7</sup> "Do not be amazed that I said to you, **You must be born again**.<sup>8</sup> "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; **so is everyone who is born of the Spirit**."

### **John 1:12-13 (NASB95)**

<sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

<sup>13</sup> **who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God**.

### **Ephesians 2:1-10 (NASB95)**

<sup>1</sup> And **you were dead** in your trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which **you formerly walked according to the course of this world**, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the **sons of disobedience**.<sup>3</sup> Among them **we too all formerly** lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest**.<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> **even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved),<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,<sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that **not of yourselves, it is the gift of God**; <sup>9</sup> **not as a result of works**, so that no one may boast.<sup>10</sup> For we are **His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

yet **he himself is appraised by no one**.

<sup>16</sup> For **WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM?**

**But we have the mind of Christ**.