

1 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16

{Sunday, August 28, 2016 A.D.}

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).

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

¹⁸ 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**.

¹¹ 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**.¹² 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**,¹³ **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*.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NASB95)

¹⁴ **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**.

¹⁵ **But he who is spiritual appraises all things**,

John 3:3-8 (NASB95)

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

⁴ 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?"

⁵ 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**."⁶ "That which is **born of the flesh is flesh**, and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit**."⁷ "Do not be amazed that I said to you, **You must be born again**."⁸ "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)

¹² 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,

¹³ **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)

¹ And **you were dead** in your trespasses and sins, ² 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**.³ 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**.⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ **even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved),⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that **not of yourselves, it is the gift of God**;⁹ **not as a result of works**, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ 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**.

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

But we have the mind of Christ.