

PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A GODLESS WORLD

1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 2:1-11

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NOT OF THIS WORLD – PART 2

HOW TO BE A CHURCH THAT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD

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1 Corinthians 2:1-11

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you **the testimony of God**. :2 For I **determined** not to know anything among you except **Jesus Christ and Him crucified**. :3 I was with you in **weakness**, in **fear**, and in much **trembling**. :4 And my speech and my preaching *were* not with **persuasive** words of human wisdom, but **in demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, :5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men **but in the power of God**. :6 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. :7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a **mystery**, the **hidden wisdom** which God ordained **before the ages** for our glory, :8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. :9 But as it is written: ***“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*** :10 But God has **revealed them** to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit **searches** all things, yes, **the deep things** of God. :11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

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WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER!

1.) **Jesus Christ - Not of This World**

v.1-5

1a.) **We trust in His message**

1b.) **We lean upon His faithfulness**

1c.) We rest in His power

2.) God's Wisdom - Not of This World

v.6-10

2a.) His wisdom makes us complete

...and now we pick it up where we left of last time

GOD'S WISDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD

2b.) His wisdom opens our understanding

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Paul “Paraphrases” Isaiah 64:4

Isaiah 64:4

For since the beginning of the world *Men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who **acts** (*is at work*) for the one who waits for Him.

Eternity / Heaven / The Presence of God = Beyond

The information, the knowledge **is not available** through human means.

We have all been guilty of using this verse to describe heaven and our future there, The truth is – it doesn't really work nor is it a proper exegesis of scripture. It literally means “that which cannot be known to the world because of their earthly wisdom, we, Christians, do know because of this heavenly wisdom that has been given us.”

The Word Means “Now” - - In This Life

John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have **life**, and that they may have *it* **more abundantly**.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has **shone** in our hearts **to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.** :7 But **we have** (to already possess) this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

1 Corinthians 2:13-14

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. :14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

9 But as it is written: "***Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.***"

Romans 8:18

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

John 14:2

In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

Psalms 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

Here Paul Gives an Awesome Insight to Us

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.
For the Spirit **searches** all things, yes, **the deep things** of God.

Romans 8:14-16

For as many as are led by the **Holy Spirit of God**, these are the sons of God. :15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Holy Spirit of adoption **by whom** we cry out, "Abba, **Father.**" :16 The Holy Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Ephesians 3:7

of which I became a minister according to the gift of **the grace of God** given to me by the effective working of His power. :8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles **the unsearchable riches of Christ**, :9 and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of **the mystery**, which from the beginning of the ages has been **hidden in God** who created all things **through Jesus Christ**;

Jesus Christ is the same One Who created the Physical Universe and who created the Angels and Spirits...

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Colossians 1:14-17

For in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. :15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. :16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. :17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

John 1:1,3,10

"In the beginning was the Word - All things were made by Him - and the world was made by Him, but the world knew Him not"

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Revelation 3:14

Jesus Christ is... "Is the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the (ajrch/ arche, ar-khay) **Beginning** (the principle, the originator, the architect) of the creation of God:

Beginning ajrch/ arche, ar-khay´

the rule, the originator, the principle, the architect

Romans 11:36

"For **of** Him, and **through** Him, and **to** Him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen"

The Mystery, That Hidden Wisdom, The Testimony of Is In Fact, Jesus Christ

(Can you relate to this: - the heart of a mother or a father towards their suffering child? – That’s a weak picture, a type, of our heavenly father’s love, care and concern for us – so much so that He could not leave us “lost”)

1 Timothy 3:16

And without **controversy** great is **the mystery of godliness**: God was **(1) manifested** in the flesh, **(2) Justified** in the Spirit, **(3) Seen** by angels, **(4) Preached** among the Gentiles, **(5) Believed** on in the world, **(6) Received** up in glory.

ομολογουμε÷νωβ homo-logoumenos, *hom-ol-og-ow-men´-oce*
a profound word or witness. the perfect evidence. a uniformed or united revelation. A truth which cannot be overturned – an absolute!

It’s This “Mystery” this “Hidden Wisdom” that is Inside Every True Christian

Colossians 1:27

To them (that’s us) God **willed** to make known what are the riches of the glory of this **mystery among the Gentiles**: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

The Message of the Cross, of Jesus Christ, the Bible
Is the ultimate, the universal, and the united word of God.

“The Deep Things of God.”

This Flies in the Face of Human Philosophy

Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary

PHILOS'OPHY, compound word. “Philo-Sophia; Grk. **philo** = to love and **sophia** = wisdom. - - the love of wisdom or earthly thought or ideas.

1 Timothy 6:20

O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your care, avoiding the **profane and idle babblings** and **contradictions** of **what is falsely called science** - :21 by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith.

James 3:15

This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic.

Example of Pilate - A Lost Philosopher

John 18:37

Now, Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to **the truth**. Everyone who is of **the truth** hears My voice." :38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all.

Pilate "exercises" enough "earthly wisdom" to conclude that Jesus Christ is innocent but doesn't have enough heavenly wisdom to make a decision.

By This, Pilate Fulfills Romans 1:22

Professing to be wise, they have become fools,

Christian Listen, - Be Wise About Where and When to Share.
Are You In Public School, at UCLA, USC, CAL-STATE? Listen up!

Matthew 7:6

"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

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WHAT MAKES YOU A TRUE BELIEVER

3.) Life's Meaning - Not of This World

v.11

3a.) The meaning to life cannot be found within us v.11

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?

There's **GPS** on You

a "**God-Placed Stamp**" in the Mind & Heart of Mankind;

>>> To Think thoughts of and to Wonder about God's Existence <<<

Ecclesiastes 3:11b

He has placed eternity in our hearts,

It's within you - the ability to recognize your need, your detachment from God = a sense of separation – there's a groping for meaning

Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”

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THE MEANING OF LIFE IS NOT OF THIS WORLD

3b.) The meaning to life cannot be found outside us

Romans 6:21-23

While living for the world and your own fleshly appetites – “what benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! **:22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. **:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

A Restaurant Menu – What you **See, What you **Get**,
and What you have in the **End**.**

(Have you ever been at a restaurant and looked at the menu and liked nothing that was offered? – or better yet, after you have eaten at a restaurant, left still hungry?)

We Cannot Be Satisfied by What the World Has For Us

Ephesians 4:17-19

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the unbelievers do, in the futility of their minds. **:18** They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. **:19** Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

THE MEANING OF LIFE IS NOT OF THIS WORLD

3c.) The meaning to life can only be found in Him

11 Even so no one knows the things of God except the (Holy) Spirit of God.

The *Holy Spirit's* "Omniscience"

That is: The *Holy Spirit* is attributed with possessing perfect knowledge of all things. *He searches all things, even the deep things of God*

Romans 11:33-35

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out! :34 *"For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?"* :35 *"Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?"*

The Invitation & Challenge

What Do We Need To Do Church?

We Need To "Get Out" - Into a Dark and Dying World

End of Study
