

WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

Announcements

- **MOB Website & Resources: www.ibcmob.net**
- **Oct 26 – Fall Fest Outreach Event**
- **Nov 2 – IBC 60th Anniversary Concert**
- **Nov 8-9 - “Expectations for a Great Marriage Conference”**
- **Dec 13-15 – Christmas Concerts**

Please Rise

- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Song:**

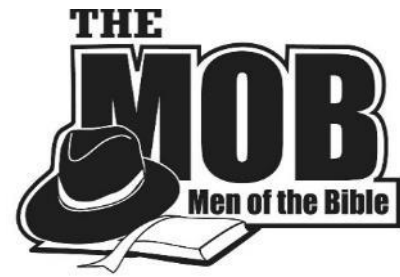
**Oh Great God of Highest
Heaven**

Oh Great God of Highest Heaven

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**O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore**

Oh Great God of Highest Heaven



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**I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace**

Oh Great God of Highest Heaven

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**Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me**

Memory Verse

1 Cor 2:12 (ESV)

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Our 1 Corinthians Study

Last Week

- 1 Cor 1:18-31
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 1:18
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 31-41; *MacArthur*, pp. 35-54
- Refreshment Host: Group D

Tonight

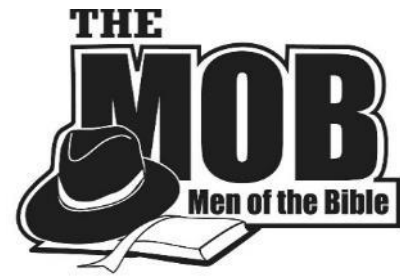
- 1 Cor 2:1-16
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 2:12
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 41-56; *MacArthur*, pp. 54-65
- Refreshment Host: Group E

1 Corinthians Outline

	1:1		4:21		5:1		6:20				7:1		16:4							
Divisions	Report of Divisions		Reason for Divisions		Incest		Litigation Between Believers		Sexual Immorality		Counsel Concerning: Marriage		Counsel Concerning: Things offered to idols		Counsel Concerning: Public Worship		Counsel Concerning: Resurrection		Counsel Concerning: Collection for Jerusalem	
	1:1	1:17	1:18	4:21	5:1	5:13	6:1	6:11	6:12	6:20	7:1	7:40	8:1	11:1	11:2	14:40	15:1	15:50	16:1	16:24
Topics	Divisions in the Church				Disorder in the Church						Difficulties in the Church									
	Concern				Condemnation						Counsel									
Place	Written in Ephesus																			
Time	circa A.D. 56																			

You are Here!

Section Overview



Secular Wisdom vs the Wisdom of God

Spirit

The Greco-Roman Symposia



1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (ESV)

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

- Wisdom?
- Believers are given God's Wisdom.
- Men are not saved by their intelligence, accomplishments, or human wisdom.
- The wisdom received from God is instant and progressive.
- Paul is concerned that believers grow in wisdom (Eph. 1:7).
- Therefore, wisdom in God has a future aspect.
- Believers also given God's righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

1 Corinthians 2:3-5 (ESV)

³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

- Paul's Weakness in the Gospel
- Came to Corinth after being beaten, imprisoned, run out of town, and scoffed at.
- Paul had great natural abilities...But, before God he was not emotional but convicted.
 - The Sermon on the Mount
- Spiritual change is needed not intellectual change.
- Corinthians needed a demonstration of God's power not Paul's eloquence.

1 Corinthians 2:6-8 (ESV)

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

- In 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 Paul emphasizes:
 - True wisdom is not humanly discovered
 - True wisdom is divinely revealed.
- Where did Solomon’s wisdom come from?
- God’s wisdom is not of this age nor of the rulers of this age.
- It is a secret and hidden wisdom.
- God predestined before the ages to give His wisdom through His Son to our glory.
- They did not know Christ, therefore they were not wise nor did they understand.
- Proverbs 1:7 – “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: fools despise wisdom and instruction.”
- Proverbs 9:10 – “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.”
- Proverbs – 204 wisdoms.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (ESV)

⁹ But, as it is written,
“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—
¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

- Isaiah 64:4
- Isaiah 65:17
- God has prepared wonders for those who believe him.
- Man’s searching is scientific...that is, experiential, experimental, and empirical.
 - It’s all represented by sight and sound.
 - Naturalists/Atheists
- God’s truth is revealed to us spiritually and the world sees this as folly.

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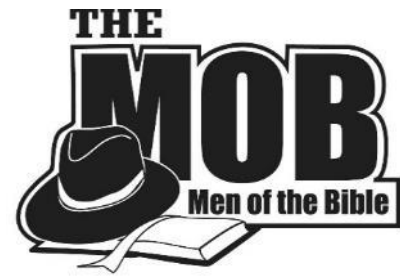
1 Corinthians 2:11 (ESV)

¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

- The truths of His word God revealed through the Spirit.
- The Spirit of God, knows the depths and thoughts of God.
- The Holy Spirit is sent to us to reveal His wisdom to us – Those who believe.

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1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (ESV)



¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

- God freely gives His wisdom.
- The Spirit that is from God, not the Spirit from men.
- The “we” and “us” refers to the Apostles who received the inspired word of God.
- 2 Timothy 3:16 – “All scripture inspired by God”
- It was freely given to “us” by God.
- Jesus response to Satan’s temptation, “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”
- God’s Word is revealed, inspired, and authoritative.

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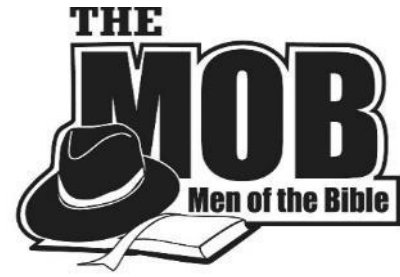
1 Corinthians 2:14-15 (ESV)

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.

- Illumination
- The scribes and Pharisees did not accept the Word God from Jesus because God's wisdom was not in them.
- Spiritual is in opposition to natural.
- "God's word is spiritually evaluated, spiritually discerned, spiritually understood and the natural man is spiritually dead." – MacArthur
- He who is spiritual appraises all things.

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1 Corinthians 2:16 (ESV)



16 “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

- Who has known the mind of God?
- We can understand the things of God because we have the mind of Christ.
- Doctrine of Illumination
- We still need:
 - Help to know and understand (Deut 29:29)
 - Human teachers (Eph. 4:11-12).
 - To work to understand (2 Tim. 2:15)
- All those who work diligently and obediently. God will reward.

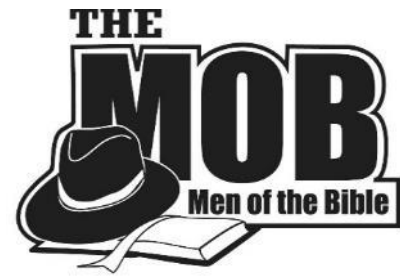
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Conclusion

Wisdom
Spirit

Discussion & Application

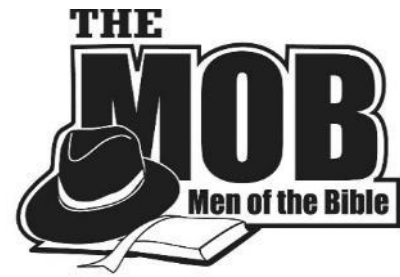
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- Why do you think Paul, in ministering to the Corinthians, “determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified”?
- Why did he come to Corinth “in weakness and in fear and in much trembling”?
- What did Paul “demonstrate” by his preaching?
- What was the “wisdom” that Paul taught?
- Why is the wisdom of God described as “a mystery”?

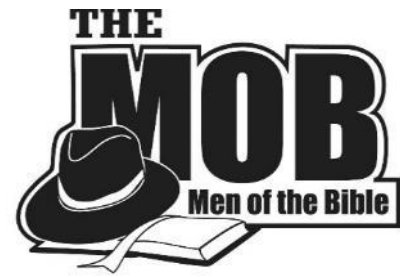
Discussion & Application

Lowell's Questions
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- What's your understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit, according to this passage?
 - What else did you learn about the Holy Spirit from this lesson?
 - How does the “natural man” respond to “the things of the Spirit of God,” and why is this so?
 - What does Paul mean when he says that “we (speaking of himself) have the mind of the Spirit”—and how does that apply to us?
 - What's the most important thing you will take away from this lesson?

Next Meeting 10/1



Review

- 1 Cor 2:1-16
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 2:12
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 41-56; *MacArthur*, pp. 54-65
- Refreshment Host: Group E

Next Week

- 1 Cor 3:1-15
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 3:11
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 56-68; *MacArthur*, pp. 67-86
- Refreshment Host: Group F

Closing

- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

