

What has Paul told us so far?

1 Cor. 2: 7-9

1. God's wisdom is not of this world
2. God's wisdom is hidden in a mystery
3. This wisdom was predestined before the ages
4. This wisdom was predestined for our glory
5. The rulers of this world did not understand

What is the proof?

They crucified Christ

1.

Where and how is True Wisdom to be Found?

¹⁰“*For to us God revealed **them** through the Spirit; for **the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.***”

¹⁰“***For to us God revealed.....***”

Paul is **not** emphasizing *what* God revealed but *that* God revealed.

The focus is on the divine act of revelation. McCalley

Through the Spirit.....

God has revealed these things, it is “**by His Spirit**” only.

His qualifications

are expressed by the words

“searches all things, even the depths of God.”

- ❑ **Since the Holy Spirit knows all things, His investigation is complete and successful.**
- ❑ **The Spirit who searches all, and knows all, is now in the believer to whom all is revealed in the written word of God.**
- ❑ **The Holy Spirit in us searches all things; there is nothing hid. He searches both God and us. *Rm. 8:26-27***

How could we illustrate that only the Holy Spirit knows the mind of God?

*¹¹For who among men knows the thoughts of a (the) **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**.*

- No man knows what is in another's mind.
- What is in man's mind is not known to any person but the spirit of the man himself who knows the thoughts.
- No one knows the uncommunicated thought of my mind except my own spirit. Proverbs. 20:27
- Therefore no one knows the uncommunicated thoughts and counsels of God except the Spirit of God.
- Paraphrased, “*What person knows the thoughts of another particular man except that particular man?*”

Paul goes on to the unfolding of revelation

*¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might **know** *the things freely given to us by God*,*

- ❑ The Holy Spirit is not only the cause of revelation, but He is the one who **illuminates us to that revelation called** *“the things freely given to us by God*
- **Illumination** is the work of the Holy Spirit wherein He enables us to understand the word of God

EXAMPLES:

Romans 8:14-16

Galatians 4:6

Communication is without error of man

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.*”

Three features of divine revelation

1. God's revelation is **not** expressed in words chosen by man. “*was not in words taught by human wisdom.*” God did not reveal truth to Paul without supervising the words Paul used to express that truth.
2. God's revelation is expressed in words chosen by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gave words, not concepts.
3. The words of Scripture fit the truth revealed perfectly.

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combining means *to join something together in a perfect fit.*

- The truth God chose to reveal is expressed perfectly in the words of the Bible.
- It is only in the word of God that wisdom and words find perfect union with one another.

This is the apostolic claim for verbal inspiration.

- The very words used are inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Spiritual things are communicated by spiritual means.
- The instruments were **not** made infallible but were perfectly guided in their communications. This is inspiration.

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- ❑ This verse is **neither** describing the revelation of divine things which the Spirit of God alone knows and can give (Vv. 10-12),
- ❑ nor the reception of what is revealed, which is due to the power of the Spirit (we will see in Vv. 14, 15),
- ❑ but the intermediate process of conveying in words spiritual things when disclosed that they may be received by the spiritual man.
- ❑ As the one aptly expresses the putting together spiritual things with spiritual words so as to furnish the concrete whole, the word of God, so that the spiritual man can explore and examine accurately — the common sense of the Word