

HOLY MANY IN UNHOLY SOCIETY:
A study in I and II Corinthians
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The Life of the Spirit
I Corinthians 2:6-16
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2:6-9 I. The Christian message is divinely conceived.

:6-7 A. The message is wisdom.

"Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, ..."

cf. Proverbs 3:13-18; Luke 2:40

:6b 1. It is not the wisdom of this world.

"...although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away."

cf. Psalm 14; Proverbs 1:7; James 3:13-18

:7 2. It is the wisdom of God.

"But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory."

cf. Proverbs 3:19-20; Daniel 1:17; 2:19, 30, 47

:8-9 B. The world doesn't understand.

"None of the rulers of this age understood this, ..."

:8b 1. Their behavior proves it.

"...for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

cf. Luke 23:34

:9 2. Their limitation precludes it.

"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.'"

cf. I Corinthians 1:18-25

:10-12 II. The Christian mind is divinely enlightened.

"...these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit."

:10b-11 A. The Spirit knows everything.

"For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 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."

cf. Psalm 139:7-12

:12 B. Believers have received the Spirit.

"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."

cf. Daniel 4:18; Romans 8:9-15

:13-16 III. The Christian ministry is divinely empowered.

:13 A. We teach and learn in the Spirit.

"And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual."

cf. Psalm 119:18; Luke 24:32, 45; Acts 16:14; I John 5:20

B. There is a natural person and a spiritual person.

:14 1. The natural person

"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."

cf. Romans 8:7, 8

:15-16 2. The spiritual person

"The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 'For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ."

cf. John 14:26; 15:15; I John 2:20, 27