

Crazy Secret
1 Corinthians 2:6-16
October 3, 2021

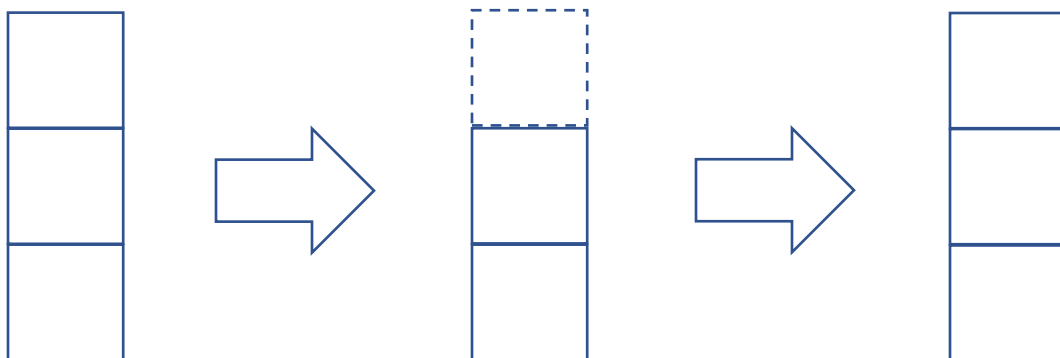
God's Wisdom Described

God's Wisdom . . .

- is not PASSING AWAY (verse 6)
- is a SECRET (verse 7)
- is for our GLORY (verse 7)
- is BEYOND US (verse 8)
- is beyond our VISION (verse 9a)
- is beyond our HEARING (verse 9a)
- is beyond our THINKING (verse 9b)
- has been PREPARED for us (verse 9c)

God's Wisdom Imparted

- God's wisdom is made known to us by HIS SPIRIT. (verse 10)
- God's Spirit knows EVERYTHING about God and His truth. (verse 11)
- God's Spirit creates UNDERSTANDING regarding God and His truth. This is needed to understand the Bible. (verse 12)
- God's Spirit guided the apostles to put God's truth into GOD'S WORDS for us. This is the INSPIRATION of the Bible. (verse 13)
- Without the Holy Spirit in us we are a NATURAL person. The natural person does not UNDERSTAND the things of God (verse 14)
- The "natural" person does not have the indwelling Holy Spirit and therefore cannot understand the truths of God. Neither can the "natural" person UNDERSTAND the ways of Christians who have the Holy Spirit. (verse 15)
- The climactic statement regarding the impartation of God's wisdom in every Christian is that we have been given the Mind of CHRIST. (verse 16)



Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16.
2. Verse 6 says that the world's wisdom passes away with its leaders, but neither God nor His wisdom will PASS AWAY. Why is that important?
3. Verse 7 says that God's wisdom is a secret, and it is hidden. Why is it called a secret? Is it a secret to everyone?
4. Verse 7 says that God decided before eternity past to give us His wisdom. He said it was for our "glory." What does that mean?
5. Verse 8 states that the world rulers of Jesus' day obviously did not have God's wisdom. It states that if they did have God's wisdom, they would NOT have crucified Jesus. Why is this true?
6. Verse 9 states that God's wisdom is better than anything we have ever seen, heard, or even imagined, and it is God's desire that we have this wisdom. He has prepared it for us. In your own words how would you describe our God who desires to give us such a blessing?
7. Verse 12 says that we have received God's Holy Spirit. How does that happen? When does that happen? What difference does it make to have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us?
8. Verse 13 states that the result of the Holy Spirit's leadership in the apostles was that God's thoughts were put into God's words (The Holy Bible). So, when we read the Bible are we looking at, listening to, and being confronted with God's wisdom?
9. Verse 16 climactically describes this incredible gift that God imparts into the lives of Christians as the "Mind of Christ." What does this mean?
10. Pray that each person in Apollo Baptist Church will truly be led by God's wonderful wisdom. Consider coming to tonight's ZOOM prayer meeting at 7:00PM. Register from the home page on the church website to be emailed the ZOOM link.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Jeremiah 16-18

October Memory Verses: Jeremiah 10:23-24

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. The registration will last through 12/26/2021.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for our personal evangelism. We will be praying for lost people in our lives by name and asking the Lord to use us to save them and others in our personal evangelistic efforts.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, David & Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, John T. in California, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
Anita O., Alea O., Andi P. (son and brother), Ruth S. (mother), Reginald (sister), Monica M. (mother, JoAnn T.), family of Sam C.
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Mary E. (hospitalized because of serious cancer issues), Michelle L. (constant pain issues, waiting on results from an MRI), Debbie P. (broke her leg and is now in rehab, still cannot put full weight on that leg), Twyla D. (had a stroke and now has a weakened right side), Ruthie C. (recovery from surgery), Linda C. (stomach issues and shoulder therapy)
- Others that you are aware of