

CHRIST is the Power and Wisdom of God!

1 Corinthians 2

[For Messiah sent me] to proclaim the **Good News**—**not with wisdom and eloquence**, lest the cross of Messiah be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For **the message of the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:17-18 CET

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but **we preach Christ crucified:** a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.** 1 Corinthians 1:22-24 NIV

²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ **Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God**—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 1:28-31 NIV

1. Godly Wisdom is Demonstrated by the Spirit’s Power!

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved **to know** nothing while I was with you **except Jesus Christ and him crucified.** ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were **not with wise and persuasive words,** but **with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power,** ⁵ so that **your faith** might not rest on human wisdom, but on **God’s power.** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 NIV

Have you experienced the Spirit’s power in your life?

2. God’s Wisdom is Experienced among the Mature.

⁶ We do, however, speak **a message of wisdom among the mature,** but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we **declare God’s wisdom,** a mystery that has been **hidden** and that **God destined for our glory before time began.** ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have **crucified the Lord of glory.** 1 Corinthians 2:6-8 NIV

How can you mature in your relationship with God?

3. God’s Wisdom is Revealed for Those Who Love Him.

⁹ However, as it is written: “**What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived**”—the things God has prepared **for those who love him**—¹⁰ **these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.** The Spirit searches all things, even the **deep things of God.** 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 NIV

How can you grow deeper in your love for God?

4. God’s Wisdom is Taught by the Spirit.

¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in **words taught by the Spirit,** explaining spiritual realities with **Spirit-taught words.** 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 NIV

Do you have a listening Heart?

5. God’s Wisdom is Discerned Only through the Spirit.

¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are **discerned only through the Spirit.** ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes **judgments** about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have **the mind of Christ.** 1 Corinthians 2:14-16 NIV

How can having the mind of Christ transform your life?

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2 NIV