

## **Questions for 1 Corinthians 2. God's Wisdom**

Q. Have you ever had an experience where wisdom was an important factor in your life ? Why was this so ?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-9

1. Paul continues his message in 1 Corinthians 1 into chapter 2. In v.1-5 what does Paul say about the quality of his preaching? Why was this so?
2. What should our faith be based upon according to Paul and why is this important? v.5
3. What is the contrast between worldly wisdom and God's wisdom as described by Paul ? v.6-9, also 1:26-29
4. Paul says, in v.7 that the wisdom he speaks of is the mystery of God. He then defines this mystery. (See also Ephesians 3:1-11). What is it ? Is it a mystery any more - why or why not.

Read Ephesians 3:14-21. This is Paul's conclusion to his discussion of God's mystery now revealed. It is Paul's prayer for a Christian's spiritual growth . He mentions a number of benefits we receive from this revealed mystery - what are they and what do they do for us?

5. In v.9, Paul is referring to Isaiah 64:4, what is the connection between this verse and Paul's reference to it regards those who would be human rulers in this world?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

6. What is the role and function of the Holy Spirit in revealing God's wisdom to us ?
7. However, how do non-spiritual people often respond when we share spiritual truths, namely the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with them? Why is that often their response v.13-14 - why do they not recognize Godly wisdom?
8. Jesus has come as Saviour, and the night Jesus was born, the angel proclaimed to the shepherds on the hill outside Bethlehem that this was good news of great joy!
  - a) What exactly was the news that was to cause great joy for human beings? What has Jesus come to save us from?



- b) In order to share the Gospel effectively, according to Paul in 1Cor.2, what do we need?
- c) If we do not have God's Spirit dwelling within us, can we still share the Gospel - why or why not ? See Acts 8:14-17 and Acts 19:1-6, then compare with 1 Cor.2:13-14

- d) In Ephesians 4:30, the Apostle Paul says: "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." (NIV)

How might relying upon human wisdom in our lives be open to grieving the Spirit, and how would this affect our witness for Christ?

- e) What can we do, specifically, to have the assurance that when we seek to share the Gospel and live our own lives by it, that we are being guided by the Holy Spirit, and, as Paul concludes in v.16, to have the Mind of Christ ?

Closing Prayer: