

The Secret

1 Corinthians 2.6-16

Secret - problem with the word is that has a bad reputation. Secrets are used as privileged knowledge. Secrets are used as means of controlling people, such as in blackmail. But secrets are not always bad. Sometimes it just means hidden, such as with "secret passage".

Study of this letter thus far: Division instead of unity. Paul reminds them of their calling, and how they received the Gospel. It was not by fancy words Paul, Apollos or some other preacher used. It was not based upon human wisdom, but based upon the power of God. Yet there is a wisdom present, for Paul only condemns relying upon man's wisdom instead of relying upon God. The secret wisdom of God is the Gospel, the Good News. This is the power of God. As such we will see what the Gospel does for us.

1.It brings us Glory (vss. 6-9)

- a. So often there is emphasis, rightly so, on bringing God the glory. But have you ever considered that God brings to us glory?
- b. Glory is that God sought us. God bought our salvation, not because of what we offer, who we are. Imagine, giving us glory, by making us right before Him. Our imaginations fail.

2.It brings us Understanding (vss. 10-14)

- a. Paul continues here explaining the difference between the world and the Kingdom. World is focused on here and now. Kingdom looks beyond this life.
- b. Since we have been clothed with Christ, we have received the Holy Spirit. By the Holy Spirit we are refocused. We are able to speak His words.

3.It brings us Deliverance (vss. 15-16)

- a. This is perhaps one of the reasons we are afraid to tell others about Jesus. We are afraid of rejection, what perhaps the world thinks.
- b. Delivered from the Worlds Opinions: According to this, though we can understand what the worldly person is struggling with, what advice and insight he has for us, it is nothing, for he cannot understand our point of view. 2 different worlds.
- c. Delivered from the Worlds Point of view: Mind of Christ - We are able to see from His perspective.

This is wonderful secret. Hidden from Elite, world's renown. Revealed to us through the Word, by the Spirit. But is this something we keep under the hat? No, but we proclaim this. "Teach them everything I have taught you." This is a secret for the world to hear.