

# God's wisdom revealed by the Holy Spirit

**1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

IMAGINE A CHURCH wracked by divisions.  
Powerful leaders promote themselves against each other, each with his band of loyal followers.  
One of them is having an affair with his stepmother, and, instead of disciplining him, many in the church boast of his freedom in Christ to behave in such a way.

Believers sue each other in secular courts;  
some like to visit prostitutes.  
As a backlash against this rampant immorality,  
another faction in the church is promoting  
celibacy—complete sexual abstinence for all  
believers—as the Christian ideal.

Still other debates rage about how decisively new Christians should break from their pagan past. Disagreements about men's and women's roles in the church add to the confusion. As if all this were not enough, alleged prophecies and speaking in tongues occur regularly, but not always in constructive fashion. A significant number of these immature Christians do not even believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ!

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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](#)

27 Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:27

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world-the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does- comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

[1 John 2:15-17](#)

# 3 major arguments

1. “So you think the gospel is a form of *Sophia* (wisdom)? How foolish can you get? Look at the message; it is based on the story of a crucified Messiah. Who in the name of wisdom would have dreamed that up? Only God is so wise as to be so “foolish” (1:18–25);

(means: content of the Gospel)

2. “Furthermore, look at its recipients. Yourselves! Who in the name of wisdom would have chosen you to be the new people of God?” (1:26–31); (chosen people of God)

3. “Finally, remember my own preaching. Who in the name of wisdom would have come in such weakness? Yet look at its results” (2:1–5). (preacher: effective ministry)

# God's wisdom

1. v.6 is not a wisdom of this age or of the ruler of this age.
2. v.7 is secret and hidden (yet open and revealed to with the Holy Spirit).
3. God destined this wisdom for our glory before time began
4. v.8 rulers of this age did not understand this wisdom
5. v.9 was prepared for those who love God
6. v.10 was revealed to us through the Holy Spirit



<sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame,  
because God's love has been poured  
out into our hearts through the Holy  
Spirit, who has been given to us.

[Romans 5:5](#)

Jesus was in the form of God  
Had every right to demand service  
But He made himself of no reputation  
He emptied Himself  
He subjected Himself to God's authority  
He subjected Himself to God's providence  
He took on the form of a bondservant  
He came in the likeness as men  
Jesus was fully God/man  
Jesus was fully immersed into the human condition  
He shared the liabilities of misunderstanding, trials  
and suffering  
Those who saw Him didn't recognize Him (**John 14:9**)

## Mature, spiritual people

1. People who spend a lot of time at the cross.
2. People who are humble
3. People who are secure
4. People who are generous