

(b) Why? _____

A person who is not spiritual refuses those things that belong to the Spirit of God; because it is foolishness to him. This is why when talking to an unspiritual person, trying to get spiritual things to his/her understanding, I first have to find out where that person is in understanding and start from there. There are levels from the “milk” to the “meat”, and not all are on the same level. It’s important that we not make them feel inferior, but that we bring them to the greater understanding of . . . *the way of God more perfectly* (Acts 18:24-28).

7. Fill in the blanks : *But he that is* _____
_____ *all things, yet he himself is*
_____ *of* _____. (I Corinthians 2:15)

He that is spiritual has the mind of Christ (I Corinthians 2:16). Through the Word and through the Spirit, he has knowledge and understanding of the things of God. A man/woman that is walking in the Word and in the Spirit, is . . . *judged of no man*. God is their judge.

Three Kinds of People:

(1) The Natural Man/Woman: (Gr. *psuchikos*; I Corinthians 2:14): Fleshly person; led by natural instincts (5 senses; II Peter 2:12); does not have the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9); is under the power of Satan; is a slave to the body and the mind, and their

SECOND STUDY

PAUL DECLARES HIS MANNER OF PREACHING (I Corinthians 2)

The citizens of Corinth were greatly influenced by Greek philosophy which prided itself on human intellect and wisdom. Paul was concerned the Corinthian believers would be tempted to reduce the Christian faith to a humanistic philosophy void of spiritual reality and power (I Corinthians 2:3,4).

1. In Paul's own words in I Corinthians 2:1, how did he describe his manner of preaching? _____
2. What did Paul say was the main subject of his message? (I Corinthians 2:2) _____
3. In I Corinthians 2:4, Paul said his speech and preaching was not with enticing or attractive words of man’s wisdom. What did he say it was? _____

Paul was educated at the feet of a great teacher, Gamaliel (Acts 22:3), who was a Pharisee, and a doctor of the Law. He had the honor of all the people (Acts 5:34). He was a Jewish teacher who was celebrated by the Jewish people. His influence carried great weight in the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:35-40). So, Paul, being one of his pupils, was a very educated man himself, but he had experienced the

truth of the Gospel; and man's human wisdom was no argument for his knowledge of that truth. The true object of our faith is the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. In I Corinthians 2:5, What did Paul tell the Corinthians:

(a) On what should they not build their faith? _____

(b) In what should they build their faith? _____

There are leaders or prince's of this world who appear and then disappear; who will rise up and then come to nothing (I Corinthians 2:6). But Paul is speaking about the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world: which none of the prince's of this world knew about or they would not have crucified the Lord of glory (I Corinthians 2:7,8; Matthew 11:25).

5. What has God revealed to us by His Spirit that eye has not seen, nor ear heard? (I Corinthians 2:9,10) _____

Matthew 25:34 says, *Then shall the King (Jesus) say unto them on His right hand, Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

Even if we were to know all the Bible declares to us about the things which God has prepared for them that love Him, it would not even touch a drop

of all of them. How blessed we are to be partakers of His kingdom and the great promises of His kingdom to come.

There seems to be some who try to make I Corinthians 2:10, where we read, . . . *the deep things of God*, to mean something that God reveals to only a few; but this is not true.

One interpretation puts it this way: . . . *Scripture speaks of the things beyond our hearing, things beyond our imagining, all prepared by God for those who love Him; and these are what God has revealed to us through the Spirit.*

In other words, these deep things of God, God does reveal to all who seek Him and search out the Scriptures. For the Spirit explores everything, even the depths of God's nature. Who knows what a human being is but the human spirit within him (I Corinthians 2:11).

In the same way, only the Spirit of God knows what God is. And we have received the Spirit from God, not the spirit of the world, so that we may know all that God has lavished on us; and, because we are interpreting spiritual truths to those who have the Spirit, we speak of these gifts of God in these words taught us not by our human wisdom but by the Spirit (I Corinthians 2:9, REB).

6. From I Corinthians 2:14:

(a) What are the things of the Spirit of God to the natural man? _____