

1 CORINTHIANS 2

1. St. Paul tells us that the Spirit of God imparts a deeper wisdom than any human effort can achieve. To whom is this wisdom imparted?

2. Does everyone receive the gifts of the Spirit of God? Yes or No.

3. St. Paul states that he did not come proclaiming the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. He said that he was with them in much weakness and in much fear and tremblings; and his speech and message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. He did this so that the faith of the Corinthians might now rest in the wisdom of men but the power of God. Did St. Paul say that there was a particular group of people to whom he did impart wisdom? Yes or No.

4. St. Paul told the Corinthians that he imparted a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. Paul also affirmed that none of the rulers of "this age" understood this. Paul then says that no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him. These things have been revealed to us. Through whom has God revealed these things to us?

- a. St. Paul.
- b. The Apostles.
- c. Jesus Christ.
- d. The Spirit.
- e. St. Peter.

5. St. Paul writes that no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. He tells us that we received not the spirit of this world, but the Spirit which is from God. The spirit is given so that we might have understanding. What are we to understand?

- a. The inner depths of God.
- b. The gifts bestowed on us by God.
- c. The world to come.
- d. The Divine mysteries.
- e. The Ladder of Divine Ascent.

ANSWERS

1. The mature or spiritually mature or those who have been taught by the Spirit (2:6-9).
2. No. The unspiritual man does not (2:14).
3. Yes. Among the mature (spiritually mature) (2:6).
4. d (2:10).
5. b (2:12).