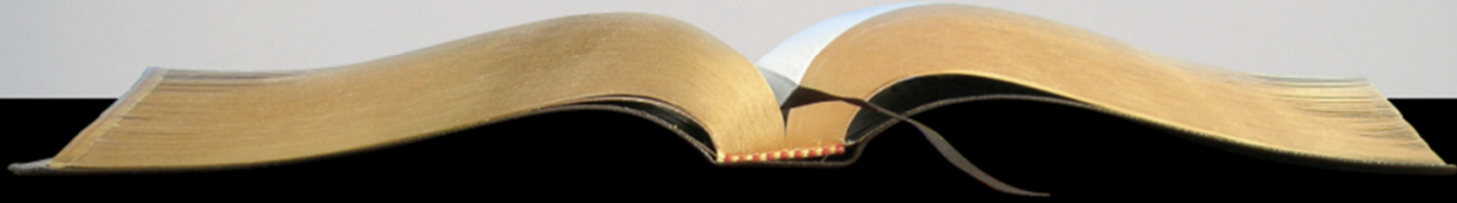


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# Lesson 3

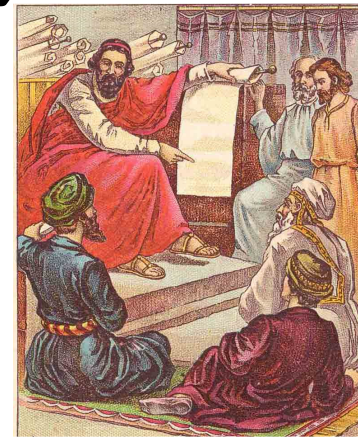
**The Holy Spirit  
Gives God's Wisdom  
Only to Christians  
(1 Corinthians 2:1-16)**



# 1. Paul's Preaching



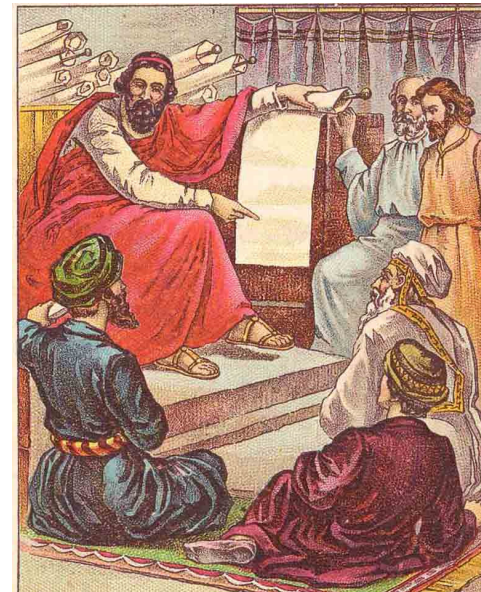
(1 Corinthians 2:1) *And I (Paul), brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency (good) of speech (talk) or of wisdom, declaring (tell) unto you the testimony (word) of God.*



[Acts 20:28-30] Many false teachers use their own wisdom and ideas to tell you about God and life. Paul warns us to only trust God's Word.

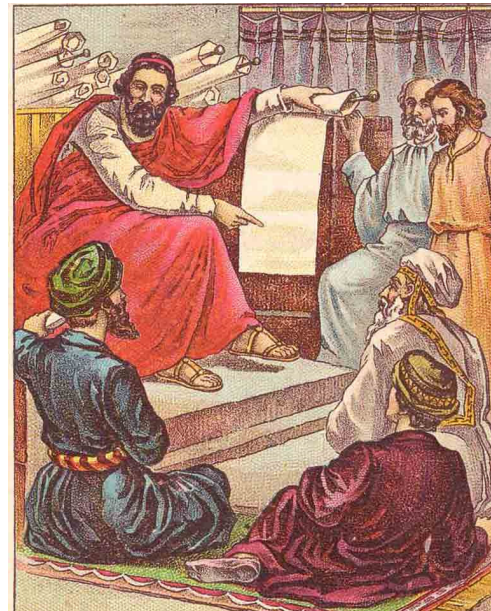
(1 Corinthians 2:2) *For I determined (**chose**) not to know any thing among you, save (**only**) Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

Paul had much worldly wisdom, but Paul put worldly wisdom away and focused only on God's Word.

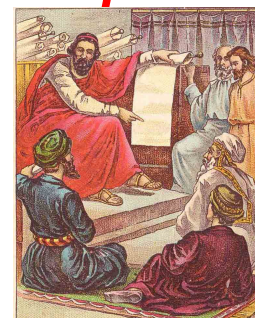


(1 Corinthians 2:3) *And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling (shake—afraid).*

[Acts 18:9-11] Paul was often weak and afraid; he was not proud or looked strong.



(1 Corinthians 2:4) *And my speech (**talk**) and my preaching was not with enticing (**smart**) words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration (**show—proof**) of the Spirit and of power:*



\*Because Paul trusted in the Holy Spirit's Power and not his own power/wisdom many people were saved.

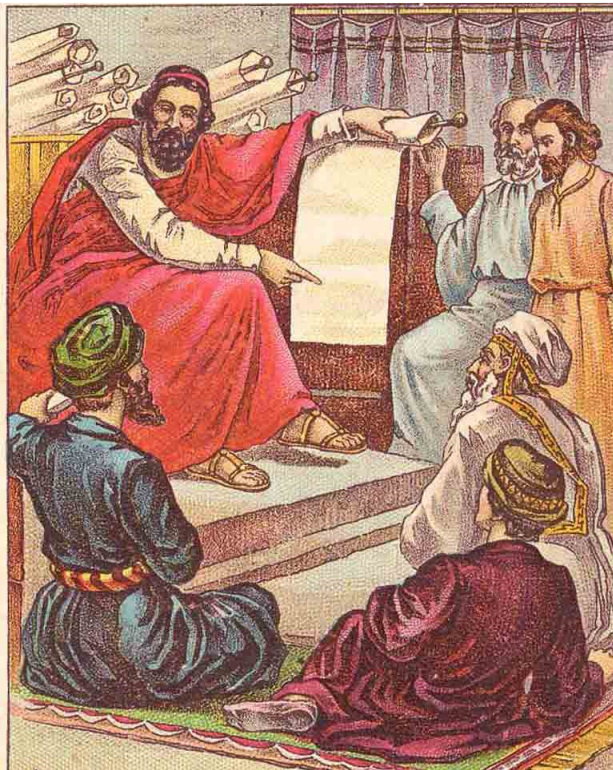
\*Many people saved demonstrated (proved) the Holy Spirit's powerful work.

## 2. Why Paul Preached Simply (*easy*)



(1 Corinthians 2:5) *That your faith should not stand (**depend**) in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

\*Paul wanted people to trust in God's power and not trust in man's power.





### **3. God's Wisdom Was Unknown to the World, But God Gave His Wisdom to the Apostles and Prophets by His Spirit.**



(1 Corinthians 2:6) *Howbeit (**but**) we speak wisdom among **them that are perfect (mature—grown): yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes (rulers) of this world, that come to nought (nothing):***

[John 6:47-52, 66-69] Many people could not understand Jesus' teaching and left Him.

- \* **Growing Christians** can understand/receive God's wisdom.
- \* **Worldly wisdom is not taught in church** because it **cannot save you or help you grow spiritually.**



(1 Corinthians 2:7) *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery (not know), even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained (planned) before the world unto our glory:*



\*God's wisdom, before hidden, is now shown in the New Testament.

\*[Eph. 1:3-4] In the New Testament we can learn about God's eternal and wonderful plan for our eternity.

(1 Corinthians 2:8) *Which none of the princes (rulers) of this world knew: for had (if) they known it [wisdom of God], they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

\*The Jewish and Roman leaders did not know God's plan; they refused to believe that Jesus was God though Jesus said, "I AM" —God.



(1 Corinthians 2:9) *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*



\* Only Christian's [those who love God] can know God's wisdom.

\* [John 16:12-14] Only after Jesus died and rose again and the Holy Spirit came, was God's plan revealed in the N.T.

(1 Cor. 2:10) *But God hath revealed (shown) them (God's wisdom) unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth (looks for— finds) all things, yea (yes), the deep things (hidden) of God.*

[Eph. 2:19-20] The Holy Spirit gave God's wisdom (N.T.) to the Apostles and Prophets for the church (those who love God).



(1 Corinthians 2:11) *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save (only) the spirit of man which is in him? even so (same) the things of God knoweth no man, but (only) the Spirit of God.*

We cannot see another person's thinking; same we cannot see God's thinking. Only God's Spirit can tell us God's thinking.



(1 Corinthians 2:12) *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world (man's ideas or Satan's lies), but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things (N.T.) that are freely given to us of God.*





# 4. The Apostles and Prophets Spoke/Wrote God's Given Words by the Holy Spirit.



(1 Corinthians 2:13) *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

\*The Holy Spirit guided Apostles and Prophets to perfectly write His Words (**the Bible**).

\*The Bible is NOT man's ideas.



## 5. Natural Man and Spiritual Man

### *Non-Christians Can't Understand*

“People who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand

it, for **only those who are spiritual can understand** what the Spirit means.” 1 Corinthians 2:14 NLT



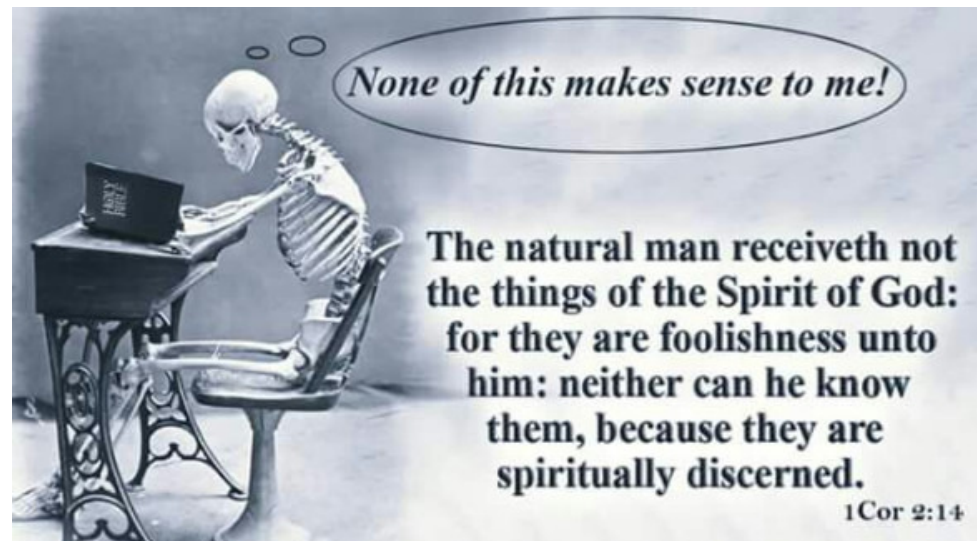
(1 Corinthians 2:14) *But the natural man (**not Christian**) receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (**understood**).*

[Eph. 4:17-18]

The unsaved are:

**Blind**

**Spiritually dead**



(1 Corinthians 2:15) *But he that is spiritual judgeth (understands) all things, yet he himself (spiritual) is judged (understood) of no man.*

\*With the Bible (the Spirit's revelation), the Christian can judge (understand) both the saved and the unsaved.

\*The unsaved cannot understand the



(1 Corinthians 2:16) *For who hath known the mind of the Lord (*Bible*), that he may instruct (*teach*) him (*the Lord*)? But we have the mind of Christ.*

\*The unsaved don't know God and can't understand (teach) God; therefore they don't understand God's children.

\*The saved know God and therefore understand all things.

