

THE SPIRIT AND THE WAY WE THINK

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The need for an interpreter and guide.

BIG IDEA: The Spirit beckons us to think the way God thinks, and imparts God's wisdom if we will ask, wait and listen.

² "... For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified... ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing... ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹ "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him— ¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God... ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit

makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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TAKEAWAYS:

¹ God's ways and wisdom are _____ and veiled to this world.

² The _____ is the centerpiece of God's wisdom.

³ God's cross-shaped wisdom _____ us in our self-sufficiency and shapes us like Jesus.

⁴ The Spirit _____ our hearts and minds to the God's wisdom and way of thinking. (Is. 55:8-9)

⁵ The Spirit leads us into the _____ of God's love, wisdom & ways, if we are looking for it & want to grow in it.

⁶ We continue to _____ our perceptions as we ask him: Holy Spirit, help me to see how you see.

IN PRACTICE:

_____ the Spirit to reveal God's perspective to you each time you read/study the Scriptures.

_____ for every decision, asking the Spirit to help you see and move with God.

_____ afresh to God's perspective on your life and the world.