

# "The Brain – Having the Mind of Christ"

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## Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-16 NRSV

6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. 13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. 14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What jumped out at you about this passage?
2. On a scale of 1-10, ten being hardest, how difficult is this passage for you to understand after reading it?
3. How would you define wisdom? How is God's true wisdom different from the world's wisdom? Why does the world see God's wisdom as foolishness?
4. Paul tells us that wisdom cannot be achieved by our intellect or hard work, but by the gift of the Spirit. Does this mean that we have spiritually arrived? Or is Paul saying something different?
5. What do you think it means to have the mind of Christ?
6. Paul talks about the importance of being who we are in Christ Jesus. Why is it so vital for our actions to be alignment with the Spirit of Christ in us? What happens where there is a disconnect or misalignment of our faith with our practice?
7. What might the Spirit of God be teaching you about wisdom in your life?