

1 CORINTHIANS

SEEING EVERY PART OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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RESURRECTION IS INDISPENSABLE





1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (ESV)

1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.



“In the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom.” (v. 21)





The Mosaic of Socrates and the Seven Sages



“What can be known about God is plain to [men], because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So [humans] are without excuse.” (**Romans 1:19-20**)



“For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.”

(Romans 1:21-23)



“Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.” (Romans 1:24-25)



1 Corinthians 2:6-7 (ESV)

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.



1 Corinthians 2:8-10 (ESV)

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 heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” — 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.



“Among the mature, we do impart
wisdom.” (v. 6)



“...Who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” (v. 30)



“There is a magic deeper still which she did not know. Her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, into the stillness and the darkness before Time dawned, she would have read there a different incantation. She would have known that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor’s stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backward.”

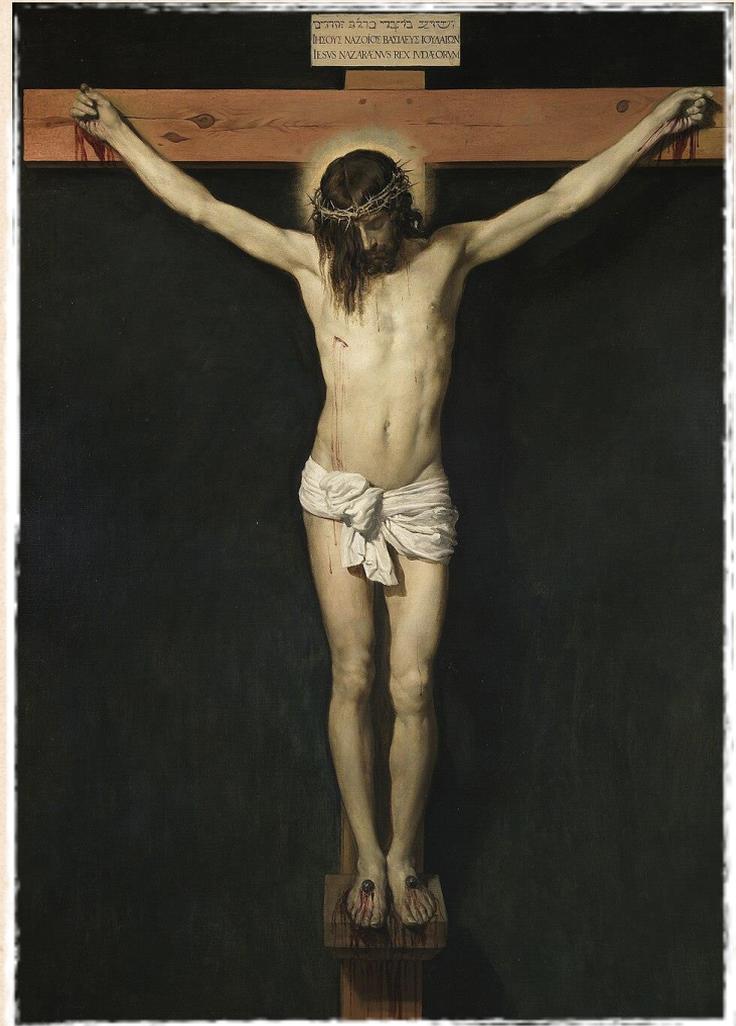
(C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, The Witch, & The Wardrobe*)





How God acts in regard to His Wisdom:

- God HIDES.
- God DECREES.
- God PREPARES.
- God REVEALS.



“But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God.” (v. 7)

“But we speak God’s wisdom, hidden in a mystery.”



“...the Lamb who was slaughtered
before the world was made.”
(Revelation 13:8)



“[God] chose us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him, in love.” **(Ephesians 1:4)**



“[Ransomed] with the precious blood of Christ... [a Savior who] was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you, who through him are believers in God.” (1 Peter 1:19-21)



“But we speak God’s wisdom,
hidden in a mystery, that which
God decreed from the ages for our
glory.” (vv. 7-8)



“No eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those
who love him.” (v. 9)



“When the fullness of time had come,
God sent forth his Son, born of woman,
born under the law, to redeem those
who were under the law, so that we
might receive adoption as sons.”

(Galatians 4:4-5)





*“A willing victim
who had committed
no treachery, killed
in a traitor’s stead”*



“These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.” (v. 10)





“None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” (v. 8)





“Father, forgive them, for they
know not what they do.”
(Luke 23:34)



1 Corinthians 2:10-11 (ESV)

10 These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.



1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (ESV)

12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.



1 Corinthians 2:14-15 (ESV)

14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.



1 Corinthians 2:16 (ESV)

16 “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.



PREVENIENT/PREPARATORY GRACE



“The spiritual person [lit. “the Spiritual One] judges [discerns] all things, but is himself to be judged [discerned] by no one.” (v. 15)



“But we have the mind of Christ!”
(v. 16)

