BROKENBODY

THE POWERFULLY MYSTERIOUS GOSPEL 1 CORINTHIANS 2

The Power behind Paul's Preaching

"And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified...

The Power behind Paul's Preaching

And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

"A man of small stature with a bald head and crooked legs, in a good state of body, with eyebrows meeting and nose slightly hooked."

2nd Century Description of Paul

"A faith that depends upon clever reasoning may be demolished by a more acute argument, but the faith that is produced by the power of God can never be overthrown."

DOUGLAS WILSON

The Message Revealed Not Human Wisdom

"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. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory...

The Message Revealed Not Human Wisdom

None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

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.'"

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-9

"Secret does not mean a puzzle we find difficult to solve, it is a secret we are wholly unable to penetrate."



LEON MORRIS

"To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

ACTS 26:18

The Message Revealed Spirit Powered

"These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 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...

The Message Revealed Spirit Powered

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. 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 2:10-13

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!"

ROMANS 11:33

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

MATTHEW 14:26

The Message Revealed Discerning Spirit

"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...

The Message Revealed Discerning Spirit

The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 'For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ."

1 CORINTHIANS 2:14-16





Having the mind of Christ should change us into grace-giving, patient and understanding Christians who display Jesus in our actions, and when we don't, are quick to beg forgiveness and set things right.