

### Lesson #11

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<sup>8</sup> which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:6-8

### THE WISDOM OF GOD

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#### 1. The wisdom that Paul expounded

- a) Paul spoke with deep wisdom
- b) This was resisted and rejected by:
  - i) His detractors
  - ii) By those who do not believe
  - iii) By those who were unregenerate

#### 2. The hidden wisdom of God

- a) It is recognized by those who are mature in their faith
  - i) It takes knowledge to become mature
  - ii) It takes experience to become spiritually mature

- iii) It takes growth to arrive at spiritual maturity
- b) The wisdom of God as a mystery
  - i) The wisdom of God remains "a mystery" to the immature
  - ii) This is just "hidden wisdom"
  - iii) It needs to be revealed
  - iv) This was ordained by God Himself
  - v) Man by his wisdom, will never discover God's mysteries
- c) What were some reasons why God ordained His mysteries?
  - i) That man may recognize his limitations
  - ii) That he may be humble before God
  - iii) That he may repent from his foolish ways and seek God by faith
- d) A special reason highlighted
  - i) God's mysteries are revealed for His glory
  - ii) For the glory of the Church
  - iii) For the glory of those who belong to the Lord
  - iv) This is a humbling and yet profound reason

### **3. Those who will not be able to comprehend the mysteries of God**

*"Not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing" 1 Corinthians 2:6*

- a) Those who boast of "having the wisdom of this age"
  - i) They take pride in their knowledge/ wisdom
  - ii) They disdain the counsel of the Lord

- iii) They reject the wisdom of God
- iv) They choose to believe in the wisdom of this age
- b) "The rulers of this age"
  - i) These could be secular leaders
  - ii) They could be religious leaders
  - iii) They are rulers who are recognized for their knowledge/ wisdom/ intelligence, etc.
- c) They would not be able to fathom the wisdom of God for they would need to have:
  - i) Faith
  - ii) Spiritual discernment
  - iii) Revelation from God

### **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. To seek spiritual maturity
2. To seek wisdom from God
3. To hunger and thirst after righteousness