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¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

¹⁵ But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

¹⁶ For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:13-16

1. The teachings of the Apostle Paul
 - a) His words may seem to be simple
 - b) But they contain deep spiritual truths
2. The special ministry of the Holy Spirit
 - a) The wisdom of man stands in contrast with the wisdom of the Spirit
 - b) Comparisons must be made appropriately
 - i) Spiritual with spiritual
 - ii) God's word explains itself
 - iii) The Bible must never be made to sound contradictory
 - iv) One text cannot be used to counter another text
 - v) All texts must be in harmony with other texts
3. The natural man will not have comprehension of the Scriptures

- a) The natural man cannot receive the spiritual things of the Spirit of God
- b) To the natural mind the things of the Spirit sound foolish to him
- c) The unregenerate man cannot discern spiritual truths for they must be discerned spiritually

4. The spiritual man

- a) He is able to judge all things correctly
- b) Yet, he is not judgmental
- c) He cannot be faulted for the spiritual judgments he makes

5. The mind of the Lord God

- a) Who can know His mind fully?
- b) Can anyone instruct the Lord?

6. The mind of Christ

- a) Paul affirms that the spiritually mature have "the mind of Christ"
- b) We are "complete in Him"

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

⁷rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

⁹For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

¹⁰and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all ^[a]principality and power.

Colossians 2:6-10