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¹ And when I came to you brothers and sisters,

I did **not come with superior speech or wisdom** / Paul could have, he was highly educated, he wrote more than anyone from the ancient times, but he wasn't arrogant,

declaring to you the testimony of God / the martyrion of God found in Christ, the Messiah of God putting His life on the line like no other, forfeiting His life on a cross... reconciling the world to Himself.



² For I decided to know nothing among you, except **Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.** / no

oops, no naughty naughties; no aches or pains of any complaining snowflake in town; Paul wanted to know Jesus the Christ who died a violent death for him, and he wanted us to know Him also.

³ I came to you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

⁴ And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and power / he speaks of **the Spirit of truth** 8 times in this chapter... sent to teach us all we need to know... and to cause us to remember all that the Lord Jesus taught: the Spirit whom the world does not know, **He will guide us into all truth about Jesus Christ**. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is joy and peace... and no confusion; and that is powerful:

⁵ that your faith should not be based on the wisdom of men,

but on the power of God / our faith does not exist in man's opinions... but through the Spirit who enlightens and empowers.

⁶ We do however speak a wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this world, nor of the **rulers of this world who fizzle or sputter** / to those reaching the summit; growing in their faith; the present magistrates and rulers and politicians will soon be gone, **who come to nothing:**

⁷ But we speak of God's hidden wisdom, in a mystery, a wisdom God previously planned long ago, for our glory:

⁸ None of the rulers of this world knew this wisdom:

because if had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory / Paul is certain that had they really known who Jesus was, none would have been so imbecilic... to have murdered him themselves, although that wasn't foretold by the prophets .

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⁹ But as it is written, **What no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart imagined: God prepared for those who love Him** / for those who seek God's wellbeing, those who would not want Him harmed -- **Isaiah 64**.

¹⁰ Now God revealed these things to us by **His Spirit: for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God** / the most profound, unsearchable things of God.

¹¹ For who knows a person's thought, **except his spirit within him**? So also no one knows the things of God, but **the Spirit of God**.

¹² Now we have **not** received **the spirit of the world**, but **the Spirit who is from God**; that we may understand what has been freely given to us by God;

¹³ **We also speak these things**, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by **the Holy Spirit**; explaining spiritual things, harmonizing with our spiritual needs; / God's good words and wonderful gifts, are distributed to each and everyone through the Spirit of God.

¹⁴ **But the one by nature** / fallen nature without the Spirit... **does not receive what comes from the Spirit of God**; because to that one, it is foolishness, and that one does not understand,

because they are spiritually discerned / so all the angry folk... who can only think when attached to a telescope or microscope, who seek to soothe their discontent... to them it is sheer impossible to discern.

¹⁵ **But the one who is spiritual can evaluate all things** / who is taught by the Spirit of God; that one who examines the unseen, that one figures things out; even what is puzzling and enigmatic, so that one is enlightened, and understands; able to trust what our Father God has declared,

yet he himself is not evaluated by anybody / others can't figure him out.

¹⁶ **For who has known the Lord's mind, that he may instruct Him**? Only a fool tries that.

However, we have the mind of Christ. / Paul knew the songs of David: Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me. Lead me in Your truth; You are the God of my salvation, and on You I wait all day long.

Who has known the Lord's mind? / the one who asks Him! who waits for Him; to be taught by Him.

We have the mind of Christ.

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