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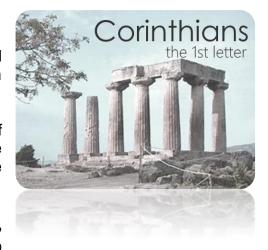


<sup>1</sup> And when I came to you brothers and sisters,

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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>I came to you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup> 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:

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

<sup>8</sup>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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<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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;

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.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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.

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**Every Praise**