

# 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

# G O S P E L

Blindness vs Belief

The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ from God v6-7

The world is \_\_\_\_\_ to this wisdom and live in \_\_\_\_\_

because they lack the \_\_\_\_\_ v8-9

Believer only have this \_\_\_\_\_ because of the \_\_\_\_\_ v10-13

God has \_\_\_\_\_ this wisdom from the world, and they deem it

\_\_\_\_\_ v 14

God gives us this wisdom so that we would \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ according to His Word v15

Paul addresses this issue because the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor 3:1-4

“It is true that the light of faith cannot fully understand the nature of all spiritual things, such as the nature of God and the union of the two natures in the person of Christ, because these are infinite and incomprehensible truths. But it understands them sufficiently well to show that they are not the products of the minds of men, but the truths of God, and therefore proper objects for our hearts to embrace. They are spiritually discerned. This is why the natural, unspiritual man cannot receive them. He has no spiritual ability to understand them. This teaches us the real reason why our hearts have been renewed and what the chief work of faith is. Our hearts have been renewed so that their desires might readily embrace that which the spiritual, saving light of faith communicates to our minds. And that which faith communicates to our minds is an understanding of the true nature of spiritual things and how they are to be used.

God's purpose is to draw our hearts to embrace him with love and delight. So he gives us a glorious internal light by which we may understand the true nature of the spiritual things which our hearts embrace. Without this, we only have false ideas of spiritual things. We may know the truth or doctrine concerning them, but we do not experience or understand their reality, power and effectiveness. One of the chief works of faith and the chief reason why our minds are renewed is that spiritual and heavenly things in all the glory of their nature, beauty, and wonder might be revealed in order that the soul might embrace them and forever hold fast to them. He that truly believes in Christ has by this faith been enabled to see the wonder of his person and the glory of his mediation. So faith enables the soul to embrace Christ with love and to rejoice in him with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

-John Owen