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An Overview of I Corinthians 1

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Paul's Explanation About
the Members of God's Secret Society
and the Means and Methods of True Wisdom

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What is Insider Information?

It is facts kept from the general public for a ruler to operate secretly for the benefit of only some.

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What is God's Secret Society?

It is His family and kingdom in this world made up of His churches that the world totally misses.

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What is True Wisdom?

It is knowledge of all things with right answers
for all questions about life and the universe.

Today Has Reasons for Much Praise

God's grace gloriously brought us all together.

Our truth and conviction are incredibly unique.

We own the universe and know its deep things.

The world is ignorant of us and our knowledge.

Compare and Contrast Two Sundays

Last Sunday taught God's children own all things.

Men should not get glory ... they are God's tools.

This Sunday sees God's children know all things.

Deep things are by grace, Spirit, Bible, preachers.

Pastor, Are You Sure About Such Claims?

That God's Secret Society Knows All Things?

If you will trust ten sample witnesses from scripture, you can know that it is certain truth, and I will not use any verses in our two chapters.

The secret of the LORD
is with them that fear him;
and he will shew them his covenant.

Psalm 25:14

Evil men understand not judgment:
but they that seek the LORD understand all things.

Proverbs 28:5

He answered and said unto them,
Because it is given unto you to know
the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,
but to them it is not given.

Matthew 13:11

If the world hate you,
ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

If ye were of the world,
the world would love his own:
but because ye are not of the world,
but I have chosen you out of the world,
therefore the world hateth you.

John 15:18-19

Howbeit when he,
the Spirit of truth, is come,
he will guide you into all truth:
for he shall not speak of himself;
but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:
and he will shew you things to come.

John 16:13

Jesus answered,
My kingdom is not of this world....
Pilate therefore said unto him,
Art thou a king then?

Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king.
To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into
the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.
Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.
Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

John 18:36-38

For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers,
because they knew him not,
nor yet the voices of the prophets
which are read every sabbath day,
they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

Acts 13:27

For I am with thee,
and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee:
for I have much people in this city.

Acts 18:10

But if our gospel be hid,
it is hid to them that are lost:
In whom the god of this world hath blinded
the minds of them which believe not,
lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ,
who is the image of God, should shine unto them....
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the excellency of the power
may be of God, and not of us.

II Corinthians 4:3-7

For ye are dead,
and your life is hid with Christ in God.
When Christ, who is our life, shall appear,
then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:3-4

Behold,
what manner of love
the Father hath bestowed upon us,
that we should be called the sons of God:
therefore the world knoweth us not,
because it knew him not.

I John 3:1

But ye have an unction from the Holy One,
and ye know all things.

I John 2:20

Today Should Be a Special Church Day

We can celebrate being in God's secret society.

It is all by His sovereign grace we are part of it.

He has shown hidden wisdom about all things.

His Spirit, apostles, and scriptures are glorious.

Where Did this Sermon Topic Come From?

Constantly comparing truth to world's insanity.

The Bible passage for the Summer Spectacular.

God's glorious, personal encouragement by it.

Salvation from strong delusion clearest ever.

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See how great are differences God made for you.

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Our world is more insane and lunatic than ever.

They are totally wrong on all moral topics of life.

They are not just wrong, but despicably perverse.

God saved you from them for truth and wisdom.

My Job Description ... Preach the Word!

I will read some of our text's 47 verses distinctly.

I will give the sense and then apply them to us.

You will learn your wonderful blessing of truth.

You should praise God mocking worldly news.

So they read in the book
in the law of God distinctly,
and gave the sense,
and caused them to understand the reading.

Nehemiah 8:8

1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

- Anything good in you, no matter what you think, is a free gift of God's grace.
- Grace = demerited favor ... for we deserve God's wrath but get the opposite.
- If not for Jesus reconciling us to God, there would only be His eternal wrath.
- We must thank God always for any good we have ... we deserve judgment.
- If we have received great grace, let us use it zealously for Him ... GOS living!

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1:5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

- Now for the theme of these chapters and sermons, what did God's grace do?
- It gave them many gifts of the Holy Spirit, which Paul would correct shortly.
- It also gave them much knowledge they never had as pagans by that Spirit.
- Not only did Corinth have the Spirit, they had apostles like Paul and Apollos.
- If you compare yourself to others, you may be poor, but not by this measure.

1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

- God always performs His part for His people ... we fail doing our part for Him.
- You would not know His Son, let alone fellowship, without His performance.
- God called – *chose, appointed, ordained* – the Corinthians as adopted sons.
- God will always do His part, even if we must do ours conditionally for some.
- To have fellowship with God and His Son Jesus is an incredible gift (I John 1:4).

Paul's Parenthesis Is What We Want

1:10-16 is all about Corinth's preacher factions.

3:1-7,21-23 rebukes the preacher factions again.

For 31 verses we learn God's gift of knowledge.

His focus is on member character and the means.

1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

- Paul, apostle to the Gentiles, our apostle, was truly the greatest insider ever.
- Paul did baptize, which is always part of preaching, but not for a following.
- His role was to preach the divisive cross of Christ without human wisdom.
- If human wisdom is left out ... grace and truth will work for real conversions.
- If human wisdom is included ... churches will have unregenerate reprobates.

1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

- Jesus Christ crucified is God's chosen divider among men – most despise it.
- Those not elect or regenerated think it ridiculous and will not truly believe.
- But the elect and regenerated – *are saved* – perceive it as God's great work.
- Spiritual preaching is either the smell of death unto death or life unto life.
- Altering this foundation will disappoint God's children and attract the devil's.

Consider Two Facts Paul Just Declared

God designed Christ's gospel to offend the world.

Even without wisdom, it will draw God's children.

For God regenerates His elect to love the gospel.

Preachers bring hidden truth to hidden persons.

1:19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

- God ridiculed the wisdom of man in two of many places (Is 29:14; Job 5:12-14).
- Man chose folly and lies in Eden, and no matter his pride, God mocks them.
- Education only hinders truth, for it creates pride and distracts with vanity.
- God destroys man's knowledge by teaching mysteries to regenerate children.
- Here we are – uneducated babes – and we know all the answers to all things.

1:20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

- Love God's rhetorical and sarcastic ridicule of human wisdom by Paul's pen.
- The most intelligent and educated men do not have a clue about the truth.
- No matter their efforts or methods, they cannot find the answers given to us.
- They violate all moral topics and are despicably perverse. Teach your family.
- Smart phones, drones, and apps only impress fools. True knowledge is gone.

We are living in the greatest fulfillment of
these verses in the history of mankind.
It is hard to imagine it getting worse.
I can list 1000 insanities. Let's not.

1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

- God's market survey found all men insane from birth (Psalm 14:1-3; Rom 3:9-18).
- Our glorious Sovereign responded to this lack of knowledge with preaching.
- Though natural men find it foolish babbling, it conveys truth to His children.
- The regenerate elect believe, and the gospel saves them from man's insanity.
- Do you understand yet? He sends preachers with all the answers to His elect!

1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

- In case you have not grasped it yet, here are three responses to preaching.
- His market survey revealed perfectly what both Jews and Greeks expected.
- Jews wanted exciting miracles ... Greeks wanted human, intellectual wisdom.
- So much for market surveys. Without election and regeneration, all are lost.
- God did the opposite of the survey ... offending all but His chosen children!

1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

- The “but” here is an inspired disjunctive – God ignored the market survey.
- He ignored what Jews or Greeks wanted – He had Christ crucified preached.
- The Jews wanted a hero against Rome ... a crucified Messiah disgusted them.
- The Greeks wanted philosophical speculation ... real wisdom disgusted them.
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What happened when Paul was in Greece's greatest city and was taken to the highest place of Greek intellectual discussion?

And when they heard
of the resurrection of the dead,
some mocked: and others said,
We will hear thee again of this matter.
So Paul departed from among them.
Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed:
among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite,
and a woman named Damaris,
and others with them.

Acts 17:32-34

1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

- The “but” here is an inspired disjunctive – a third group loved Christ’s gospel.
- God had called – it is *chosen* in context – some Jews and Greeks to believe.
- God’s choice is the key – *as many as were ordained to eternal life believed*.
- Elect Jews saw Christ’s real power ... elect Greeks saw Christ’s real wisdom.
- The difference is God’s calling – *God’s choice* – which comes before hearing.

1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

- What Greeks thought ignorant folly was precious wisdom to the Greek elect.
- What Jews thought despicably weak was gloriously powerful to Jewish elect.
- For the born again, Jesus Christ is the wisest and strongest Man ever to live.
- Gospel news of a resurrected Lord of the universe crushes human fantasies.
- Ignorant fishermen (and Paul) converted weak fools for a glorious kingdom.

1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

- God's calling of members at Corinth was God's choice of them as it will say.
- God's calling = appointment, election, ordination, predestination to heaven.
- Corinth, look around. Get off your high horses and realize He chose beggars.
- God only saves a few intellectuals, strong, noble. Society churches, beware!
- Be thankful, for unless it were so, why would you be saved? All glory to God!

1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

- God chose foolish and weak ones for His family to mock the wise and mighty.
- Never forget – God loves to confound / confuse men – like He did at Babel.
- When we look around our church, and never forget it, we are God's favorites.
- Foolish fishermen preaching a foolish gospel to pitiful fools make churches.
- Why does God do it this way? By design! All for His glory and to silence men.

1:28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

- Never wonder about our members – God chose base and despised *nothings!*
- He has a purpose you can love – to confound, mock, shame the *somethings*.
- He has no obligation to save any, but He chose to save the least for His glory.
- Jews and Greeks ridiculed the Corinth church, but God mocked the mockers.
- God does all for His glory ... humiliating angels and men by bypassing them.

What did Jesus say
when He looked around
at those believing on Him?

At that time
Jesus answered and said,
I thank thee, O Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
because thou hast hid these things
from the wise and prudent,
and hast revealed them unto babes.
Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

Matthew 11:25-26

1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

- Do you love this verse? I love it! Our God does everything to fulfill this verse.
- The phases of salvation – even practical as seen here – crush human pride.
- Let us individually and as a church give all the glory to our God at all times.
- You exist to this day for one purpose – God’s glory only – never your own.
- Eternal life is God’s sovereign gift. Any role or honor for man is the devil’s lie.

The gift of eternal life is for God's glory only, and not one gram of it will be shared with any angel or person.

For he saith to Moses,
I will have mercy
on whom I will have mercy,
and I will have compassion
on whom I will have compassion.
So then it is not of him that willeth,
nor of him that runneth,
but of God that sheweth mercy.

Romans 9:15-16

Hath not the potter power over the clay,
of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour,
and another unto dishonour?

What if God, willing to shew his wrath,
and to make his power known,
endured with much longsuffering
the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Romans 9:21-22

And that he might make known
the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy,
which he had afore prepared unto glory,
Even us, whom he hath called,
not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Romans 9:23-24

1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

- Do you love this verse? I love it! Find seven aspects of God's glorious grace.
- In Christ you are perfect ... you are in Him by God ... God made Him perfect.
- Will you forfeit Jewish righteousness for His? Greek wisdom for His wisdom?
- Is this the most precious information in the universe? Yes ... but more comes.
- This verse is sandwiched between God's glory – you are only an object here.

1:31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

- Jeremiah mocked wisdom, strength, and riches compared to God (Jer 9:23-24).
- What Paul taught this far, primarily since verse 16, is God's glory in salvation.
- His Son is the only Savior – He saves only the elect – they are totally passive.
- The gospel news is foolish to men and preached by fools to born again fools.
- The secret society of Christ's kingdom knows all things and all for God's glory.

It Goes Without Saying,
We Were Created for God's Glory.
This Is the True Reason for the Universe.
This Is the Only Way Your Life Has Value.

While the Best Is Yet to Come in
Chapter Two, We Must Celebrate What
the Holy Spirit Inspired Paul to Write Here.

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So you easily grasp truth intentionally disguised.
Rather than despising it, you discern God's glory.
The Creator mocks and shames all other sinners.
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He intends you for His glory and their shame.
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dedicate yourself to serve Him, His truth,
His church, His people with all your might.

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would have nothing at all worth knowing.
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get you today's insanity.

On the other hand, God's sovereign plan
has given us all knowledge worth
knowing by Spirit, apostles,
Bible, and preachers.

Simple Outline for I Corinthians 2

- 1-5** Paul described his preaching ways and why
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- 14-16** Contrast between spiritual or natural men

2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

- Paul, educated and eloquent, chose to dumb his preaching down for Corinth.
- Paul had explained his choice of intentional, inferior public speaking in 1:17.
- He did not want anyone believing the gospel by an appealing presentation.
- Corinth expected more, but Paul used simple Bible reasoning (II Cor 2:17; 4:2).
- Paul's content was excellent; his speaking did not need to be for the elect.

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2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

- Recall his solitary foundation we learned in the third chapter – Jesus Christ.
- What a difference from the entertainment, fables, storytelling popular today.
- The previous verse limited his presentation; this verse limited his content.
- Many say, *The end justifies the means*, and, *Saving the lost at any cost*.
- Paul had ability for much more, but he intentionally chose to avoid appeal.

2:3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

- Compare this to confident, polished, suave, and popular orators then or now.
- They mocked his public presence and preaching as weak and contemptible.
- Not truly afraid of the Corinthians, he feared displeasing his ministry Captain.
- If the great apostle was humble and conscientious, his inferiors much more.
- The content, when backed up by scripture, will win the regenerate anyway.

2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

- So much for worldly training in speech, pulpit manner, and carnal appeals.
- Paul's simple, weak manner of preaching Christ trusted the Spirit and power.
- Spirit = Holy Spirit bearing fruit. Power = God's power to open hearts to faith.
- Lives in Corinth were changed by his offensive message presented poorly.
- Holy Spirit power to convert by blessed preaching/hearing must be sought.

2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

- Intentional efforts must be used to keep carnal hearers or reprobates away.
- Today's church growth gurus do the exact opposite of Paul – appeal to lusts.
- Persuasive methods and pandering content, like Hinn, will gain big crowds.
- To gain only elect, Paul limited presentation, content, and personal appeal.
- Since Abel the truth has been held by only a few elect children by His power.

What Did We Learn from 2:1-5?

Paul chose to avoid appealing ways of preaching.
He knew he had special revelation for the elect.
He emphasized one foundation of Jesus Christ.
He avoided appealing oratory skills for the Spirit.
He wanted only elect to believe by God's power.
Today's methods, content, seminaries are wrong.
The last thing he needed was classical education.
He did not try to make himself more appealing.

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2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

- Paul rejected worldly wisdom to preach, but he preached the true wisdom.
- He had called the elect base and so forth, but now he called them “perfect.”
- God’s true wisdom is entirely different from the foolish vanity of the world.
- The gospel has incredible, important details about life and the universe.
- All the wisdom of all worldly men is idiotic vanity that never profits anyone.

2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

- Different from worldly insanity, the gospel has eternal secrets of all things.
- It is a *mystery* and *hidden wisdom* for only one reason – they don't know it.
- God planned incredible truth, wisdom, coming events for us from eternity.
- Our adoptive Father, Creator of all, has ordained good things in love for us.
- What is the goal of His plans? Our glory as His sons and joint-heirs of Jesus.

Do You Believe Secret Society Yet?

Mysteries = secrets the world cannot discover.
Hidden wisdom = secrets far beyond their reach.
The secrets of the universe are only for His elect.
God tells only these elect children by preaching.
Bible Christians are a cult = body of worshippers.
They are a secret society = ignored by the world.
They have knowledge past all human learning.
Preaching offends most but educates the elect.

Give Me An Example of a Secret

Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God, rules the universe, and will share it soon with you and me.

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He will soon burn the universe up and create a new heaven and earth without decay or death.

2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

- Princes are rich, smart people – the best ... but they miss every bit of truth.
- Pilate, Herod(s), Caiaphas, and rulers all missed the obvious – God on earth!
- There was overwhelming evidence for Jesus Christ, but they killed God's Son!
- They made the biggest and costliest error possible, though earth's brightest.
- He destroyed Jerusalem and Rome's empire ... for a fact we take for granted.

Why Does the World Miss All Truth?

Since they are not born again, they despise Bible preaching and think us all a bunch of crazy fools.

Why Does the World Miss All Truth?

Because their god and prince has lied to them from the beginning and kept them from truth.

Why Does the World Miss All Truth?

Because they are selfish rebels against authority that tells them what they should or cannot do.

If Not for God's Grace and Gospel ...

You could believe anything like a cracker-adoring Catholic or a transgendered girl identifying as a ..

2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

- What Paul has explained about man's ignorance is confirmed by Isaiah 64:4.
- Human senses, no matter how educated or leveraged, cannot find our truth.
- Incredible mysteries from a virgin birth to glorified bodies we know clearly.
- Natural man cannot even imagine the basic facts and certain things for us.
- I have taught you – the universe is a stage for a drama of God's love for you.

2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

- Since man cannot learn God's secrets, how do we learn them? By His Spirit!
- The Holy Spirit inspired the apostles, gave us the Bible, convinces our minds.
- Do not miss all things. The Spirit knows all things ... even God's deep things.
- We pray constantly for more of the Holy Spirit and more of His ministries.
- We love revelation and hate rationalization: God reveals hidden things to us.

2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

- There is one source of true information about a person – that person's spirit.
- I cannot truly know the details of your thoughts, and you cannot know mine.
- We cannot know God's plans and thoughts but by His Spirit – the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit – being God Himself – knows all God's secrets to tell us some.
- How intimate and personal! ... We try to be friendly, but see our Father here!

2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

- There are two spirits – the devil and God – and only one tells only the truth.
- Whether pagan idolatry or another Jesus – Satan is the spirit behind all lies.
- But we have the Holy Spirit showing us, with us, in us ... like another's spirit.
- The Spirit reveals God's grace and eternal decrees of free, good things for us.
- The gospel does not bring hints or just possibilities – but perfect knowledge.

2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

- How does the Spirit show us all facts of the universe and God's deep things?
- By inspiring the apostles, mostly very unlearned, with word-level inspiration.
- How do we study this inspired Bible? At the word level and spiritual usage!
- We do not have the inspiration inside – we have it in writing by 40 writers.
- We study every aspect of the Bible in context, comparing the Spirit's usage.

Notice the Emphasis on Words ... Words!

Word meanings are by context, not dictionaries.

The immediate context are the verses close by.

The broad context is the Spirit's use of words.

We compare spiritual things for spiritual senses.

Simple Outline for I Corinthians 2

- 1-5** Paul described his preaching ways and why
- 6-13** Preaching has hidden wisdom by the Spirit
- 14-16** Contrast between spiritual or natural men

2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

- But ... but ... if all truth and wisdom is preached? Why do only a few believe?
- Because they are natural men – not born again – despising spiritual things.
- Natural men love lies and hate God and truth. Preaching is foolish to them.
- They have not been given perspective to learn, for they are not regenerated.
- It does not matter how truth is presented, they will never believe or love it.

Do Not Settle for Only Total Depravity

We often use the previous verse for depravity.

But let us view the huge difference God made.

God the Holy Spirit revealed deep things to men.

But only we born again by that Spirit believe them.

2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

- But ... but ... the born again man, a spiritual child of God, discerns all truth.
- By direction of the context (14) ... judgeth = receiveth, know, or discerneth.
- A spiritual man has perspective to recognize and believe gospel preaching.
- Yet, there is no visible difference for the world to recognize a child of God.
- The world does not perceive or appreciate how different we are from them.

2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

- Paul confirmed this enormous difference among men by scripture in Is 40:13.
- No natural man has ever known God's mind or could add anything to Him.
- The best of the world – the most gifted men – know nothing about our God.
- His elect children by regeneration have the Spirit within to know all things.
- By the Spirit's internal witness and external preaching we learn all things.

Do You Believe Secret Society Yet?

Mysteries = secrets the world cannot discover.
Hidden wisdom = secrets far beyond their reach.
The secrets of the universe are only for His elect.
God tells only these elect children by preaching.
Bible Christians are a cult = body of worshippers.
They are a secret society = ignored by the world.
They have knowledge past all human learning.
Preaching offends most but educates the elect.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and
dedicate yourself to serve Him, His truth,
His church, His people with all your might.

Further Study

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