

Chapter 2

v.1 Paul was a Pharisee of Pharisees, a teacher of the law, an eloquent man
-remember his eloquence in Athens the result
- the testimony of God- the power of the Word of God
- **The Word of God is like a lion. You don't have to defend a lion. All you have to do is let the lion loose, and the lion will defend itself.** – Charles Spurgeon

v.2 determined to know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified
- Paul is not writing this section as a theological treatise but the power of the cross to save, to deal with problems in the church, in society
- Jesus the eternal God became flesh
- lived a sinless life, died on the cross as the complete payment for our sin
- rose from the dead- remember *Romans*, we died with Him, rose with Him
- *Rom 10:9(NKJV) 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

v.3 weakness, fear and trembling not because of fear of man but because of the awesomeness of what he is doing

v.4-5 it is not that Paul's speech was not persuasive but that was not where the power came from. If a man can convince you, a man can unconvinced you.
- power of God-

The contrast between the wisdom and methods of the world and the wisdom of God.

v.6-8 (2 Cor 4:1-6 NKJV) *Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. {2} But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. {3} But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, {4} whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. {5} For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. {6} For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

v.9 sometimes this verse is used to talk about heaven and the eternal things but what it is really saying is that revelation is a supernatural work of the Spirit

v.10 God's heart is always to reveal Himself, He makes it as easy as possible

v.11-12 spiritual discerned

v.13 revealed and taught by the Holy Spirit

- *(John 16:13-15 NKJV) "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. {14} "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. {15} "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.*

v.14 I speak the things of God to young children, to babies, to people in comas

v.15 the Spirit gives us the understanding

- rightly judged by no one- this doesn't mean we are not beyond judgement, it is just that people aside from the Holy Spirit will not understand, and what we have to say, aside from the Holy Spirit is of no avail

v.16 we have the mind of Christ, we are able to receive *(Rom 12:2 NKJV) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

How does the message of the cross apply to

- Marriage
- Relationships with other believers- *Philemon 1:18 (NKJV) But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account.*
- To society- abortion, homosexual agenda, etc.

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