

I Corinthians 2:1-16

The theme of what we are studying this morning: stressed, worried, searching for solutions, can't sleep, but are we missing something that is right in front of us? **I Corinthians 2:16**

- Not should have, or will have, but, as believers, from the moment we put our faith in Christ we have permanently had the mind of Christ.
- Its not a command to obey or even an application for practice throughout the week; *it is just a statement of fact.*
- Doesn't matter how old or young we are, if we are in Christ, we have His mind!

Paul has been building to this revelation starting back in chapter 1 by pointing out the world's dilemma: **V. 18.**

The world is hungry for answers and wisdom and they will listen to anything **except the Bible.**

- The reality of God and the simple truth of Jesus insults the world's intelligence because its only meaningful if they figured it out.
- The message of Jesus is insulting to their intelligence and its meant to be that!
- Romans 1:21**—the wheels come off here and the progression away from truth isn't just less truth-- it is darkness.

Truly when we reject God and His truth we are open to any crazy idea: **Islam is now growing in popularity among young, white females.**

- The so-called progressives who are all about women's rights, supposedly, as well as promoting and affirming homosexuality and transgenderism are also promoting Islam (the same Islam that kills homosexuals and treats women as slaves).
- We have hardcore Muslims serving in Congress when ones with the same mentality flew planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and tried to fly one into the White House just 25 years ago.

When we turn away from God and the truth we turn to lunacy.

The world listens to anything except the Bible and worships heroes of all sorts but has **no interest in the real Jesus.**

- The world researches and studies all kinds of ancient history and marvels at and spend incredible amounts of money to preserve little scraps of evidence of what mankind has done and accomplished, and **yet they pass by the world changing event of the cross with no concern.**
- Paul told Timothy that one of things that will make these final days so bad is that people can't find the truth *because they don't want to:*

II Timothy 3:6-7

VV.24-25

When we know Christ, we know the wisdom of God and the power of God.

- Its right in front of the world but like the blind trying to see a painting, it will not matter how close they get to it, they will not be able to see it.

I Cor. 2:1-2--Since Jesus and the message about Him is the wisdom of God and power of God, Paul had no reason to add anything to it.

Again, the world feels like its intelligence has been insulted by what God is doing—and it has been!

--What our world couldn't figure out by all its research and higher learning and billions of dollars invested, *God is giving away to children.*

V. 9 – No human eye unaided, no human ear or mind that hasn't been opened by God can know these things. But to those who believe, God says, “**here you go!**”

--“Revealed to us by the Spirit.”

V. 12 – Thank goodness! The darkness and blindness and wrongheadedness is all the world has to offer; we have been brought out of that by the Spirit of God.

--What we get, instead, is everything, and we get it for free!

VV. 13-16 – **Ephesians 1:3** -- Why do we lack?

-A fisherman had no idea that his discovery was worth millions. Motoring from Puerto Princesa on Palawan Island, he was on one of his daily trips to the sea when he was caught in a storm. The anchor of his boat got stuck on a giant clam. When he swam to free the anchor, he was surprised to find a large pearl inside the clam. The pearl is 30 cm wide (1ft), 67 cm long (2.2ft), and weighs 34 kg (75lb).

He brought the pearl home and kept it under his bed like a good luck charm for 10 years, since 2006.

-An art collector bought a photo from a junk lot of the legendary outlaw Billy the Kid for just \$2. Later, the photo turned out to be worth \$5 million.

-While playing the auction-based art game, Masterpiece, a man saw a painting in the game that looked similar to one he had at home. He later discovered that particular painting which he was using to cover a hole in his wall for years was actually worth \$1.25 million.

-A man bought five paintings for a mere \$5 at a garage sale. One of them had a hidden sketch that turned out to be the sketch by the famous Andy Warhol. His signature was etched at the back, and it was valued at \$2 million.

-A woman purchased what she thought was a fake diamond ring at the West Middlesex Hospital in London in the 1980s. She paid just \$13 for the large ring, and she wore it almost every day for 30 years. But, in 2017, she wanted to see if it had any value at all. Surprised to hear her jeweler say “that looks like a diamond.” The woman learned that the ring was actually a **26-carat diamond**. The ring was originally priced at over \$400,000, but it was actually sold for \$847,667 in an auction

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I Corinthians 3:1-3 – “**acting like mere men**”? The world doesn't need any more of those!