

1 Corinthians – Our Spirit Guide.

What is the true source of divine wisdom and how are we guided into divine wisdom?

1 Corinthians 2:6 - 3:4 ⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" ¹⁰ but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. ¹⁴ The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: ¹⁶ "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:1 Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly-- mere infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? ⁴ For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men?

The "divine" secret. (1Corinthians 2:7-8, Ephesians 1:1-14)

The mystery is found in _____ what the Cross and resurrection really means in its _____ on the soul of all humanity.

How can we _____ the mind of God?

If we want to understand the spiritual things of God we have to have the _____ of God in our lives.

Living by the Spirit is evidenced in our lives being transformed into the image of Christ.
Galatians 5:22-25 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit of God guide you not just into the mind of God, but into the heart of God, and into the character of God. May you not just be an observer of these “mysteries” but rather a partaker, allowing your life to be joined with, and transformed by, the presence of the living God.