

Knowing God's thoughts

1 Corinthians 2:6-16, p. 924

I. WE KNOW AMAZING TRUTHS ABOUT ETERNITY THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT (1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10A).

- A. Most of the smartest people in this world don't know what we know about eternity (2:6-7).
- B. Unbelieving people crucified Jesus because they refused to understand and believe who He was (2:8).
- C. We know God has wonderful plans for believers because the Holy Spirit reveals it to us in God's Word (2:9-10a).

II. WE KNOW MUCH OF GOD'S THOUGHTS BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS US AND INSPIRED GOD'S WORD (1 CORINTHIANS 2:10B-16).

- A. The Holy Spirit knows God's thoughts so we who have the Spirit can understand God's thoughts (2:10b-12).
- B. Paul could know and teach spiritual truths only through the Holy Spirit (2:13).
 - The Holy Spirit revealed all of God's Word (2 Peter 1:20-21).
- C. Unbelievers have no way to understand spiritual truth, but we do (2:14-16)!
 - Without the Spirit, most think God's Word is foolish (14).
 - We can make spiritual decisions and ignore what the world thinks (15).
 - We cannot know all God thinks or tell God what to do, but we can know what God wants us to do (16).