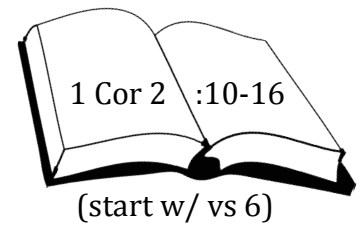


The Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians
Lesson 5
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This section continues the thoughts of contrasting spiritual wisdom & thinking, to earthly wisdom & thinking – and describes how the Spirit makes this possible. In this lesson we will first consider how the Spirit separates spiritual thinking from worldly / natural thinking; then we will spend most of our time considering how the Holy Spirit interacts with us.

Spiritual vs. Worldly Wisdom

1. Consider vs 10-13. **(a)** What does the Spirit allow mankind to know? **(b)** Therefore, what does the Spirit allow mankind to speak?
2. The world looks down on religion / spirituality as foolishness. From vs 14-16, **(a)** why is this? **(b)** Who is really wise & who is really foolish?

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Vs 12 says “we have received...the Spirit who is from God.” But what does this mean? Did just the apostles & 1st century Christians receive the Holy Spirit? Is it just the revealed word of God through the Bible? Do we receive the Holy Spirit in some way?

As we consider the Holy Spirit’s interaction with us:

- try to throw out your pre-conceived ideas – just consider what the Bible says
- realize a full study of the Holy Spirit is beyond the scope of this lesson – but feel free to dig in on your own!

3. Consider Acts 2:38-39. Who will receive the “gift of the Holy Spirit” – is it just for 1st century Christians?
4. Read 1 Cor 6:18-20 – a passage we will study in context later. What does this passage tell us about the Holy Spirit & Christians?

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5. Give thought and meditation to the following:
- A. several verses credit Old Testament passages & words of the apostles to the Holy Spirit. (ex – Mk 12:36, Mk 13:11, Lk 12:12, Acts 4:8, Acts 4:25, Acts 28:25, etc.)
This is in keeping with 2 Pet 1:21

 - B. What do the following passages say about who receives the Holy Spirit, & (if applicable) when/how this occurs?
 - Acts 4:31 (consider vs 23 for context)
 - Acts 5:32
 - Acts 9:17
 - 2 Cor 13:14
 - Eph 1:13-14
 - Eph 4:30
 - 1 Thess 4:8
 - Titus 3:5-6

 - C. The Holy Spirit was received through the laying on of the apostles' hands. This seems to be the receiving of spiritual gifts. (Acts 8:14-20, Acts 19:1-7)

 - D. The Holy Spirit "fell" on some – this seems to be an "approval" for others to see
 - Jesus (Lk 3:22, Acts 10:38)
 - Apostles (Acts 2:1-8)
 - Gentiles (Cornelius' household – Acts 10:44-48, Acts 11:15-17)

 - E. Some passages talk about aspects of Christianity that require the Holy Spirit
 - Rom 14:17
 - Rom 15:13
 - 2 Cor 13:14
 - Heb 6:4-6
6. So consider all of the above questions and thoughts. How does this change how we think; how does this change what we do and say?