

# Studies In First Corinthians

## (I Corinthians 2:9-16)

1. Without divine assistance, can man know what God has prepared for His children?

No: *“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him” (I Corinthians 2:9).*

- **Isaiah 64:4** and **I John 3:1-2**.
- God has laid up great things for us whom love Him (**Psalms 31:19**, **John 14:1-3**, **Hebrews 11:8-16**, **Hebrews 13:14**, and **I Peter 1:3-5**).
- God comes for those whom love God (**Romans 8:28**).
- Loving God means obeying Him (**John 14:15**, **John 14:23**, **John 15:10**, and **I John 5:2-3**).

2. How did God reveal what He has in store for those that love Him?

Through the Spirit: *“But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God” (I Corinthians 2:10).*

- Inspired men were moved to speak and write through the Spirit (**Mark 12:36**, **John 14:26**, **John 16:13**, **Acts 1:16**, **II Peter 1:19-21**, **I John 2:20**, and **I John 2:27**).
- To be very clear, it was/ is God’s words that these men spoke and wrote (**II Samuel 23:2**, **Job 32:8**, **Jeremiah 1:9**, **Matthew 10:16-20**, and **Galatians 1:10-12**).

3. What is similar between the spirit that is in man and the Spirit of God?

The spirit, rather in God or man, is the knowledge of our inward thoughts: *“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God” (I Corinthians 2:11).*

- The point is, God’s spirit and your/my spirit is [in a sense] our mind (**Proverbs 14:10** and **Proverbs 20:5**).
- Outside sources cannot know your internal mind or God’s (**Romans 11:33-36**).

4. Is there a worldly spirit as well as a godly spirit?

Yes: *“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God” (I Corinthians 2:12).*

- **II Corinthians 4:3-4** and **Ephesians 2:1-2**.
- The difference lies not in a spiritual being, but in the willful acceptance or rejection of the truth (**I John 4:1-6**).
- We’re talking about the difference between spiritual and carnal minds (**Romans 8:1-8**).

5. Did the Holy Spirit have a role in the teachings of the Apostle Paul?

Yes: *“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (I Corinthians 2:13).*

- **Luke 12:12** and **Acts 2:1-4**.
- (See notes on question 2).
- Teaching and comparing spiritual things with spiritual requires one to leave carnal thinking behind (**I Corinthians 3:1-3**).
- This chapter is building up to correcting the carnal thinking in Corinth.

6. How does the carnal mind view the spiritual lessons from God?

As foolishness: *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (I Corinthians 2:14).*

- **Matthew 13:11-16**, **John 8:43-44**, **Acts 17:18-32**, **I Corinthians 1:18-23**, and **I Peter 2:1-2**.

7. Does a spiritually minded individual judge others?

Yes, “all things”: *“But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man” (I Corinthians 2:15).*

- There are spiritually minded folks [us] (**Galatians 6:1**).
- The spiritual mind righteously (**John 7:24**) judges self (**II Corinthians 13:5**) and others (**Matthew 7:15-20**).
- Proper self-evaluation keeps you from being judged (**I Corinthians 11:28-32**).

8. Could it be said that we have the mind of Christ?

It was said: *“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ” (I Corinthians 2:16).*

- Through the Scriptures, we have Christ revealed unto us (**John 15:15**, **John 17:7-8**, and **Ephesians 3:1-11**).
- Biblical commentary on having the “mind of Christ” can be seen here: **Philippians 2:3-12** and **I Peter 4:1-2**.