Spirit of Christ

from 1 Corinthians 2

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5, NIV)

Father, may my life and all that I do demonstrate, not me, but the inherent glory and beauty of Jesus Christ.

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. No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

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"--But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 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. (1 Corinthians 2:6-7, 9-10, 12, NIV)

Father, Your wisdom! That is what we need! We need to understand You and Your purposes and the wonderful gifts You have already placed at our fingertips.

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. We have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:13, 16b, NIV)

Father, by Your Spirit, by Your Word, as we turn to You day by day, open to us the mind of Christ. We need His perspective, His wisdom, His love for the life and work You lay before us. Bless us each day with the Spirit and mind of Christ.

Hymn: Spirit of Christ

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