

1 Corinthians 2 Study Guide

This is a beautiful chapter showing the heart of the Apostle Paul. Studying this godly leader may give us insight into our own walk of faith. Before we begin please pray and ask God to bless your time in His word. This is no ordinary book, it is the very heart of God; written to us. Read chapter 2 a couple of times before starting. You can also go online to www.biblestudytools.com, type in 1 Cor. 2, choose either KJV or LIV and you may listen to it read to you.

Let's look at verses 1-5

1. What does Paul call those who will be receiving this letter?
2. How does he say he came to them on his last visit? What was his attitude?
3. Underline or write out why Paul said he came with this attitude. Vs 4-5
4. When sharing the gospel with others what is your attitude? Do you try to wow them with all you know about the Bible? Do you try to appear as some kind of "super Christian"?
5. What do we know about the apostle Paul? If you don't know much about him or have trouble remembering the facts you have learned, look up Acts 22 (Paul given permission to speak for himself before the Jewish crowd) and Acts 26 (Paul's defense before King Agrippa)
6. Could Paul have come in and dazzled them with his knowledge of the scripture, the Law of Moses and his unusual salvation testimony? Again why did he not share with them in this way?
7. From what you have seen as you have studied, what was the desire of the Apostle Paul's heart?
You might also read Phil. 3:7-17
8. Did you notice the word "wisdom" occurring several times again in this chapter? Underline or highlight it each time it appears. Now write out what you learned concerning "wisdom".

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9. True faith is based on what according to verse 5? As Jesus was teaching on heaven what did he tell those who were questioning him? Matthew 22:29 Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God."

10. Saving faith is produced in us by the _____ . Vs.5

11. Those who crucified Christ did not understand the hidden wisdom of God; if they had what would they have done?
12. What is the response of the human heart when Christ our Savior is revealed?

13. Who is Christ according to 1 Cor. 1:24?

14. Why do you suppose the gospel sounds like foolishness to those who do not trust in Christ?
What does the world place value on?
If a man is considered great by the world what qualities would he possess?
Now think, were these the qualities Jesus exhibited?

Write (& fill in) 2 columns, title one "The world's idea of greatness" & "The qualities shown by Jesus" .

15. What interesting fact does Paul share in verse 7? God's plans for the salvation of man revealed in part by the Old Testament are now being revealed.

What did his resurrection reveal?

What did it clearly prove?

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Does knowing this give you reason for hope?

16. What does Paul say concerning the understanding of the religious (Jewish) and civil leaders (Roman) of Jesus day? Vs.8
17. Had they understood who Jesus really was and what he came for what would they have done?
18. Verse 9 is a quote from the Old Testament, **Is. 64:4**, how does this verse offer you comfort? What thoughts come to your mind as you read this verse?
What is God preparing for believers, followers of Christ? If you have some time look up “reward” in the NT and jot down a few notes, don’t forget to write the reference down so you can share it with your small group.
 - **Matt. 25:34** "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.
 - **James 1:12** Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

Remember the promise given to the disciples by the Lord in **Jn. 14:26** ask him to help you understand all you are studying.

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you”

19. In verses 14-16, who are the two people mentioned? Describe them based on what you learn from these verses.
 - Vs.14
 - Vs. 15
20. **Verse 16** What do believers have that the world in general does not? How does this enable us to discern? Don’t rush passed this question; spend a bit of time pondering it. How does it affect your life; your decisions, your attitudes and your daily responses?
21. What has the Spirit of God revealed to you from this chapter?

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22. How has your time in the word of God this week affected your walk of faith?

23. What encouragement did you find in this chapter?

24. What did you learn about God that will help you this week as a Christ-follower, a parent, a child, a boss, an employee, a neighbor, a spouse, a leader, a follower, a friend, etc.? Try to be specific.

25. What verse would you like to try to memorize from chapter 2?