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Sermon Notes for June 25th, 2023
“More than the Promise of Heaven”

Sermon Text: **1 Corinthians 2:4-16 (pp. 1211-1212)**; Old Testament Text: **Psalm 92:12-15 (p. 632)**; Gospel Text: **John 5:24 (p. 1133)**.

1 Corinthians 2:4-16 (NIV): My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. ⁶We 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. ⁷No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love him—¹⁰these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Read the Sermon Text above while listening to the sermon, then, answer the questions below.

1. Read **1 Corinthians 2:4-5** above. When Paul spoke to the Corinthians, what did he want to make sure they encountered?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 2:6-7** above. When Paul said, "*We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature,*" to whom was *the mature* referring?

When Paul referred to God's wisdom as *a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began*. What did he mean?

3. According to **1 Corinthians 2:8**, why is Paul convinced *the rulers of this age didn't understand God's wisdom*?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 2:9-10** above. According to Pastor Dave, what do most people think **v. 9** refers to?

Is that view completely wrong?

When you read v. **10** along with v. **9**, what other things besides heaven does this passage point to?

5. Read **1 Corinthians 2:11** above. Do these two sentences make sense to you?

If so, who will you have to know if you want to know more about how God thinks?

6. Read **1 Corinthians 2:12**. According to this verse, why did God give believers the Spirit of God?

7. Read **1 Corinthians 2:13**. According to Pastor Dave, what does Paul mean when he talks about *explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words*?

8. According to **1 Corinthians 2:14**, why is it impossible for people without the Holy Spirit to understand Spirit-led preaching and teaching?

9. Read **1 Corinthians 2:15-16**. What does it mean to you to *have the mind of Christ*?

10. What will you remember most from this message?