

**Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
**Sermon: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

If non-Christians cannot understand the things of the Spirit, how can we talk with them about Christ? How might John 16:8 - 11 help with answering this question?

Study 3: The mind of Christ

Readings: 1Corinthians 2:6 - 16

Reflecting on last week's study how should our thinking be different to that of the world?

How can we have the mind of Christ? See also Romans 12:1 - 2, 2Corinthians 5:14 - 19.

Read 1Corinthians 2:6 - 16:

Although Paul says he does not use wise words in 1Corinthians 2:4, the message he brings is a message of wisdom. How is God's wisdom different from the wisdom of the age?

In what sense is God's wisdom secret and hidden?

What is God's wisdom and how is it revealed?

In John 3:10ff Jesus expresses surprise at Nicodemus not understanding, again what needed to change in people John 3:5?

In v8 Paul states that the rulers of this age have not understood it. How is this statement similar to John's statement in John 1:5?

What illustration does Paul use to show that the Spirit can reveal these things?

How do both Paul and John know this about the rulers of this age? What do the rulers and people do to show their ignorance?

When it comes to understanding God's wisdom, how does the person without the Spirit contrast with the spiritual person?

How can we know the secret and hidden wisdom?