



Introduction

The city of Corinth (see map) was a flourishing centre of trade and was renowned for its sexual immorality. Many people from Corinth became believers while Paul stayed there for 18 months.

Paul reminds them what is important.



Questions

1. What was Paul's main message?
2. Paul contrasts the wisdom of the world with God's wisdom. What does he say that the rulers would not have done, had they known more about God?
3. Paul says that the natural man cannot receive spiritual things. What does such a man think of spiritual matters?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 5** Paul didn't come with clever, smooth talking. His key message is the fact that Jesus was crucified. He wants their faith to rest on God's power
- **6 to 10** Paul is speaking God's secret wisdom that has been hidden from everyone previously. God has revealed it by his Spirit (see theme)
- **v 11 to 13** Those who use human reasoning can't understand what God has revealed by his Spirit. We listen to the message that has come from God's Spirit rather than the spirit of the world
- **v 14 to 16** The natural mind regards the message from God's Spirit as foolishness. Spiritually minded people can see the complete picture

Timeline AD 60 (see below)



Theme / Information

The Holy Spirit is God's power

All through the Bible we see examples of God using his Spirit power to achieve all his purposes.

By his Spirit, God created and sustains all things:

Genesis 1 verses 1 and 2

Job 33 verse 4, 34 verses 14 and 15

God is everywhere present by his Spirit:

Psalms 139 verses 1 to 12

By his Spirit God gave us his message in the Bible:

2 Peter 1 verses 20 and 21

Micah 3 verse 8

By his Spirit God caused Jesus Christ to be born:

Luke 1 verse 35

Week 11 Day 5 1 Corinthians 2 Understand your Bible reading plan

Bible timeline

