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1 Corinthians 2:10-11 The Depths of God Revealed Through the Spirit

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Transition and Overview

1 Corinthians 2:9b-11 (LEB)

...have not entered into the heart of man, **all that God has prepared for those who love him.** For to us God has revealed them through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even **the depths of God.** For who among men knows **the things** of a man, except the spirit of the man that is in him? Thus also no one knows **the things of God** except the Spirit of God.

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Revealed Not Discovered

1 Corinthians 2:10 (LEB)

For to us God has revealed them through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even **the depths of God.**

- “For” is explanatory, not adversative
- “to us” are “those who love Him” (vs. 9)
- Revealed: Christ crucified, the true power and wisdom of God

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A Lesser to Greater Analogy

1 Corinthians 2:11 (LEB)

For who among men knows **the things of a man**, except the spirit of the man that is in him? Thus also no one knows **the things of God** except the Spirit of God.

- “Things” could imply “what pertains to” or “private thoughts”
- The “things of God” is a parallel expression to “the depths of God” (vs. 10)

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What Are “Depths of God”? How Are They Known?

2:9 what God has prepared

2:9 for those who love Him

2:10 for to us God has revealed them

2:10 through the Spirit

- The depths of God concern His provisions and promises through Christ crucified
- The deep things of God are revealed, not conjured up by mystics

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Revealed: Christ Crucified

- The word of the cross (1:18)
- The message preached (1:21)
- The power of God (1:24)
- The wisdom of God (1:24)
- Testimony of God (2:1)
- Jesus Christ crucified (2:2)
- God’s wisdom in a mystery (2:7-8)
- What God has prepared for believers (2:9)
- The depths of God (2:10)

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Implications and Applications

- Unity comes from objective truth, not mystical experiences or claims of superior piety
- Only what is objectively revealed in Scripture will keep us safe from specious claims

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Revealed Truth Unifies the Church

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NASB)

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and **that there be no divisions** among you, but that you be made complete in the **same mind** and in the **same judgment**.

- There were discords, slogans, and schisms
- The church is built on the gospel of Jesus Christ, not special knowledge

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Slogans in Corinth

1 Corinthians 1:12 (NASB)

Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."

- What is clear is that Paul, Apollos, and Peter all preached Christ crucified
- Parochialism leads to false judgments and rejection of members of the body of Christ

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False Judgments Cause Schisms

1 Corinthians 4:4b, 5 (NASB)

...the **one who examines me is the Lord**. Therefore **do not go on passing judgment before the time**, but wait until the Lord comes **who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts**; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

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Revealed Truth From Scripture

1 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV)

I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us **not to go beyond what is written**, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.

- Objective, revealed truth humbles us
- We must learn to stay in the realm of the revealed and avoid harming one another

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