

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God ...

Paul doesn't stop with verse 9. Beginning with those wonderful words "BUT GOD" he tells us what God has prepared for us. God has revealed them to us. How? By His Holy Spirit which He sent from heaven and now indwells every believer. Yes, the Holy Spirit, God Himself, is revealing the deep things of God. He searches them out. He can do this because He is God. But if He is God why is he spoken of as searching all things? Doesn't He know them? Yes, he does. But Jesus gives us wonderful insight into how God operates, being one God in Three Divine Persons.

John 16:13 *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of [from] himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you.*

The Holy Spirit, although He is God, takes the place of a servant, just as the Son had done before He came to be born here. *Philippians 2:7* ...and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Just as the Son was sent by the Father, the Spirit was sent by the Father (John 14:16, 26) and the ascended Son of Man (John 15:26). He came to glorify the Son and to provide us the divine connecting link of communion with the Father above. This link passes through the Son, a man at the right hand of God (Romans 8:26-27; 34). Get the picture? Not really a picture either, but a wondrous reality of Godhead. This is one of the deep things of God which He has revealed to us (to our spirits) through His Son by the Spirit in us. This divine "togetherness," this divine unity of love is the model for our unity with one another and our relationships with one another. When we are filled with the Spirit we are subject one to another (Eph 5:19), as is the Godhead.

John 17:20-21. *That they may be one even as we are one.*

May I encourage us to let the Spirit search out the things of God for us and feast on them as He reveals them to our spirits. He does this largely through the scriptures and while we prayerfully meditate on the word. My newborn spirit delights in the things of God. Before I was born again my natural spirit thrived on earthly things, earthly thoughts, the wisdom of this world (age). I had no use for the things of the Spirit of God. Now I do! Although, if I let something disrupt my communion I drift back into a lack of appreciation and taste for the things of God, and He has to retrieve me and regain my attention.

We can actually neglect Him? How can it be? He is so wonderful! And He saved us so we could draw near to Him as never before. Yet we do slip back from time to time. (Such is the liberty we have now to love Him.) *And the Corinthians were slipping away too.* That is the cause of the divisions and parties of believers within the assembly. In fact Paul is telling of the availability of the "things of God" to the believer because they had drifted away and were essentially ignoring Him. We see this in the first part of the third chapter. This is what he was concerned about. Where are we brethren?

1 Corinthians 3:1 *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, [even] as unto babes in Christ. ... 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas [there is] among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*

And yet all is freely given us. No need for an expensive university education to get and enjoy the things of God for ourselves. Here is wisdom far beyond that available in this world. No, not even seminary training is needed. Just come to the word and drink it in. It always tastes good, always tastes new, and fresh.

He communes with us (as He could with no animal) Spirit to spirit. Unlike animals we are made up of three parts. Two, soul and spirit, are invisible, and normally indivisible (Heb 4:12). The visible part of us is our body. If we die our invisible parts remain together but leave the body while the body remains to decay until the resurrection. Only spirits think abstract thoughts and share them with other spirits including with the very Holy Spirit of God. (Animals have only a soul and body.) The existence of the human spirit is what distinguishes humans from animals and makes us responsible beings.

Romans 8:16 *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God*

1 John 4:1 *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

So we are to try the spirits (human beings) for some are demonically influenced. We are also warned of this in Eph 6:10-18 and 2Cor 10:4-5; 11:13-15. The war is about ideas and truth, the truth of God as it is in Jesus. But what an enlightening! We believers have the mind of Christ! We can think like Him. We do think like Him. The world just doesn't understand us because of that. They can't.

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