

The power of God is packed into the _____ of the gospel ...

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. vv. 1-5

... not the understanding of the _____ ...

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" ... vv. 6-9

1 CORINTHIANS
2:1-16

... and is only available through the _____ of God.

... these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. vv. 10-16

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'VE NEGLECTED THE SPIRIT OF GOD?

Trusting and surrendering your life to Christ. (v. 12)

Where have you put your faith and _____ ?

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Galatians 4:6

Actively rejecting the "spirit of the world." (v. 12)

How are you _____ the influence of our world?

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

Cultivating the Spirit of God with "spiritual truths." (v. 13)

What _____ do you look to for truth?

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Colossians 3:2

UNDIVIDED

DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. What convinced you to believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Was it factual evidence, intellectual reasoning, emotional attraction, witnessing the lives of others?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 2. What did Paul avoid in his preaching to the Corinthians? Why did he follow that particular approach, and how does it encourage you as you share Christ with others?

3. What can we learn about the Holy Spirit from verses 10-16?

4. Why is the “natural man” unable to accept the things of the Spirit of God (v. 14), even if they believe themselves to be a ‘spiritual’ person? Where else would someone like that have to get spiritual knowledge, and why is that dangerous?

5. How can we be wise about making sure that the Bible is enough even while we consume other Christian media?

6. What do you think Paul means by the statement “we have the mind of Christ” (v. 16)? Where do you feel you’re especially lacking the mind of Christ in your life today, and how has this sermon helped you know what to do about it?

“Understanding God’s Word takes prayer and fellowship with God. It requires you to be attuned to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life so you can understand what God is actively speaking to you through His Word. As Paul notes in this section of his letter, it is only by having the Holy Spirit that you can understand God’s purposes and live the way that He wants you to live. ... If Jesus Christ has already become for us ‘wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption’ (1 Cor 1:30), then it follows that those in whom the Spirit of God dwells also possess the mind of Christ. For that reason, those who have received the Holy Spirit are equipped to understand the very wisdom of God. It is because of this incredible reality that you need to make it a priority to spend time each day alone with God. You need to find a quiet place away from the noise and distractions of this world so you can accurately hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you. Of course, this will require not only having a quiet space but also a quiet frame of mind. You need to be able to put aside the busyness and activity of the day so you can focus solely on your time with God. The next time you meet with God, try praying something like this before you open your Bible: ‘Lord, I know I cannot understand what is here unless You open my mind by Your Spirit to receive the spiritual things that are communicated in this Book. So I ask for the insight that You alone can give. Teach me the things that are freely given to me from You.’”

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EXERCISE FOR THIS WEEK

For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 1 Corinthians 2:10

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! Psalm 139:23-24

Find a quiet place to spend time alone with the Lord. Read Psalm 139 several times.

Ask Him to give you the mind of Christ and for the indwelling teaching of the Holy Spirit to be the loudest voice you hear.

Ask Him to draw you on toward maturity in Christ so you can understand the deep things of God revealed by the Spirit to the mature.

Praise God for keeping His wisdom a mystery so the rulers of this age would be confounded and His purpose would be accomplished.

Thank Him for revealing His mysteries to those who are indwelt by the Spirit.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That’s a great spot to see what’s coming up!

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY! In observation of the Independence Day holiday, Christ Chapel offices will be closed tomorrow, July 5.

READY FOR A DATE NIGHT? USE THE JULY CCBC DATE NIGHT EXPERIENCE THIS WEEK! Made to equip couples with tools for strengthening their relationship, CCBC Date Nights are fun, intentional ways to spend time together. The July plan includes a summer dinner recipe, game, conversation starters and ideas for praying together. Go ahead and save some time for your next date, then visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events this Wednesday, July 7 to see the whole July experience.

FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE! Now that we’re all back worshipping on campus, your church needs you! Will you consider worshipping one hour and serving another? There’s Children’s Ministry, our live video production team that runs the cameras and screens, Parking Posse, Brew Crew, our First Impressions team who welcomes people in and more. Find your place at www.ccbcfamily.org/serve and play a part in what God is doing at Christ Chapel!

YOUNG ADULTS, JOIN RENOVATE THIS WEDNESDAY. If you’re new to town or looking for a place to meet more people, check out Renovate! They’re hanging out every Wednesday this summer. Find out more by following @renovateftw on Instagram or going to at www.renovateftw.org.

STUDENT MINISTRY IS THE PLACE TO BE ALL SUMMER. 5th Grade Ministry, Middle School Ministry and High School Ministry are built on serious truth and packaged in an atmosphere that’s fun, inviting and full of memorable experiences. This summer there are all kinds of events, hangouts, Bible studies and chances for your child to connect with friends and leaders who care. Head to www.ccbcfamily.org/students to learn more.

MAKE CHRIST CHAPEL MUSIC A PART OF YOUR DAILY SOUNDTRACK. Did you know Christ Chapel’s contemporary worship team has several albums and EPs? There’s also an album for kids, plus best-of compilations of KidsCamp tunes! Just search “Christ Chapel Music” wherever you get your music to listen this week.

CATCH SOMETHING NEW THIS SUMMER ON THE CCBC APP. If you’re looking for some hope and truth to ground you this summer, the Christ Chapel app is home to messages from our Sunday teaching team, Women’s Ministry, Men’s Ministry, Renovate and more. To find it, search “Christ Chapel Bible Church” in your app store.

GET UPDATES AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOUR WEEK. Throughout the week, we like to post updates, events and encouragement on our Facebook and Instagram accounts. They’re online communities we love and think you will too! Search @christchapelbiblechurch to find us and follow along.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text “CCBCFW” to 833-422-7200 to get started.