

The Best is Yet to Come
1 Corinthians 2:9-16

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I. God's plan for His Children. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

People say this is speaking of the promise of heaven, but in context, Paul is speaking of the promise of abundant life _____.

- No _____ person can receive the truth of the Gospel without the help of the Holy Spirit, just as **vs.10** says, **"God has revealed them (things God has prepared) to us through His Spirit"**.

"For those who love God, every day is a good day. It may not look like a good day, or feel like it; but when God is working His plan, we can be _____ of the best." (Warren Wiersbe)

II. God's plan is revealed by His Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:11-12

"...we could guess what God is thinking, and about His wisdom, but we would never know unless He _____ us." (David Guzik)

- *"When the Holy Spirit dwells within us, we have access to Someone who knows all of God's _____."* (Blackaby)

There are certain things about the Lord and His plans that human wisdom will never understand; we need to be His child and have the Holy Spirit to _____ certain things for us.

III. The mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

Since Christ suffered for us in the flesh (1 Peter 4:1), that He might bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18); we will suffer as well, so we **arm** ourselves with the _____ (thought) of Christ.

- When we think like Jesus, we gain an eternal perspective about suffering, the brevity of this life, and we begin to live our lives based upon Christ's _____ instead of our own.

IV. Practical Application. Revelation 22:1-5

One of the issues for Christians is we believe the Lord is going to take us to heaven some day; but we forget that the Abundant, Eternal life _____ to us begins immediately at Salvation. **John 10:27-28**

- Once Adam and Eve sinned, death entered into the world, and if they ate from the Tree of Life they would have lived _____ separated from God in their sin.

God demonstrated His grace in refusing to allow mankind to live _____ in a world filled with sorrow and _____; so He promised Heaven.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 2: 9-10**. What is Paul referring to in these verses? Discuss the comment Rich made, *"In context, Paul is speaking of the promise of abundant life today."*
Isaiah 64:4, Proverbs 1:5; Colossians 2:8, 1 Corinthians 1:20, John 10:10, John 6:44
2. According to **1 Corinthians 2:12-16**, what does the Holy Spirit do for us? In practical terms, how does the Spirit teach the believer? (Wiersbe)
John 16:5-11, 1 Corinthians 3:16, Romans 8:11
3. What do you think Paul meant when he said, *"The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment"* (2:15 NIV)? (Wiersbe)
4. What does it mean that believers have the "mind of Christ"? How can you cooperate with the Spirit's work? (Wiersbe)
1 Peter 3:18- 4:1, Ephesians 5:18, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Ephesians 6:10-20
5. Discuss the practical application to the sermon.
Isaiah 26:3, Isaiah 40:28-31, Exodus 14:14, Hebrews 13:5, Philippians 4:19, Isaiah 41:10
6. Read **Revelation 22:1-5** and discuss heaven along with the river, the Tree of Life, and our new job description.