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**Coming up Next Week:**

**Sunday 25th June**

Maturity – the goal of Mission

8am, 10am & 5.15pm

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**Sunday 18th June 2023**

*Maturity, Wisdom and the Spirit*

**1 Corinthians 2:6-3:4 |** David Peterson

What have we learned so far from 1 Corinthians?

1. **What it means to be mature in Christ**
2. **Not to be like the Corinthians!**

* Seeking after wisdom, but in a worldly way (1:10–12).
* Turning their backs on the wisdom of God revealed in the message of the cross (1:22–25).
* Not ready for the solid food that Paul wanted to give them (3:1–4).
* Tolerant of persistent immorality in their midst and boasting about it (5:1–6).
* Taking one another to secular courts to settle disputes they should have resolved among themselves and actually cheating and doing wrong to one another(6:1–8).

1. **Be like Paul and his fellow workers**

* They resolved to understand, proclaim, and live by the message of the cross (2:1–5).
* They did not boast about their own wisdom or compare themselves with others but were confident in the Lord and the wisdom he has given us in Jesus(1:28–31).
* They were committed to understanding more of ‘the deep things of God’ and passing this on to others (2:10b–16).
* As those who had ‘the mind of Christ’, they determined to model cross–shaped living and humble service to others (4:10–13, 16–17).
* They taught and responded appropriately to the moral challenges of the gospel in everyday life themselves (5:6–8).

**2. The wisdom that matures Christians**

1. **A deepening knowledge of Jesus and his achievement for us**

* The wisdom that transforms us is found in Jesus himself as our ‘righteousness, holiness and redemption’ (1:30–31).
* The crucified one is also ‘the Lord of glory’ (2:8), who will ultimately bring believers to glory with him (6:14; 15:12–58).
* This knowledge of God and his grace towards us enables us to repent, mature, and live godly lives (6:9–11).

1. **A proper evaluation of the world’s wisdom**

* The world in its wisdom continues to reject Jesus and the gospel, treating the message and Christians as foolish (1:18–29).
* The wisdom of the world crucified the Lord of glory (2:8) and will always try to silence Christians and resist their message.
* The pursuit of worldly wisdom in church life is destructive for those involved and hinders their witness to the world (3:16–23; 4:6–9).

1. **How the Holy Spirit helps us to mature**

* The Spirit enables us to understand the mind and purpose of God revealed in Jesus and the gospel (2:11–12), *so we should pray for this wisdom*!
* Spiritual understanding comes through the unveiling of God’s wisdom when the Bible is faithfully taught (2:13), *so expose yourself to good teaching whenever and wherever you can!*
* The Spirit works to mature believers when we minister to one another in love with the gifts he gives us (1:4–9; 12–14, especially chapter 13), *so play your part in the building and strengthening of Christ’s church!*
* We ourselves are strengthened and matured as we seek to serve others for Jesus’ sake in the church and in the world (Galatians 5:13–26).