


“by nature God is a self revealer,
he must make himself known.
Yet God is a self concealer as
well.”



Philip Yancy



“spiritual growth, in a sense, is simply increasing our capacity to experience the presence of God.”

John Ortberg

KNOWING GOD



- ✓ A life passion?
- ✓ A life goal?
- ✓ Just lip service?

Corinth - key issues

- ✓ Their view of what wisdom was
- ✓ What it meant to be “people of the spirit”

To be spiritual in Corinth meant:

- ✓ 1. possessing the gift of tongues as a form of angelic speech
- ✓ 2. it meant to have arrived in the excellence of wisdom
- ✓ 3. it meant that they had entered into a new existence that raised them above mere earthly existence which was not related to genuine ethical behaviour

The Spirit is powerful:

- ✓ 1. To transform lives ch 2 v 1-5
- ✓ 2. To reveal God's secret wisdom in ch 2 v 6-16
- ✓ 3. To minister in weakness ch 4 9-13
- ✓ 4. To effect holiness in the believing community ch 5 v 3-5

God's Secret Wisdom



1. A wisdom that had been hidden



- ✓ Dynamic revelation of God
- ✓ Points to the Cross
- ✓ Jeremiah - “a new covenant”

2. Wisdom Destined for our Glory



- ✓ Before the world began
- ✓ For our glory - we become His People -
for His name.

3. Wisdom not understood by the rulers of this age

- ✓ Contrasted with the preparation of God for those who love Him

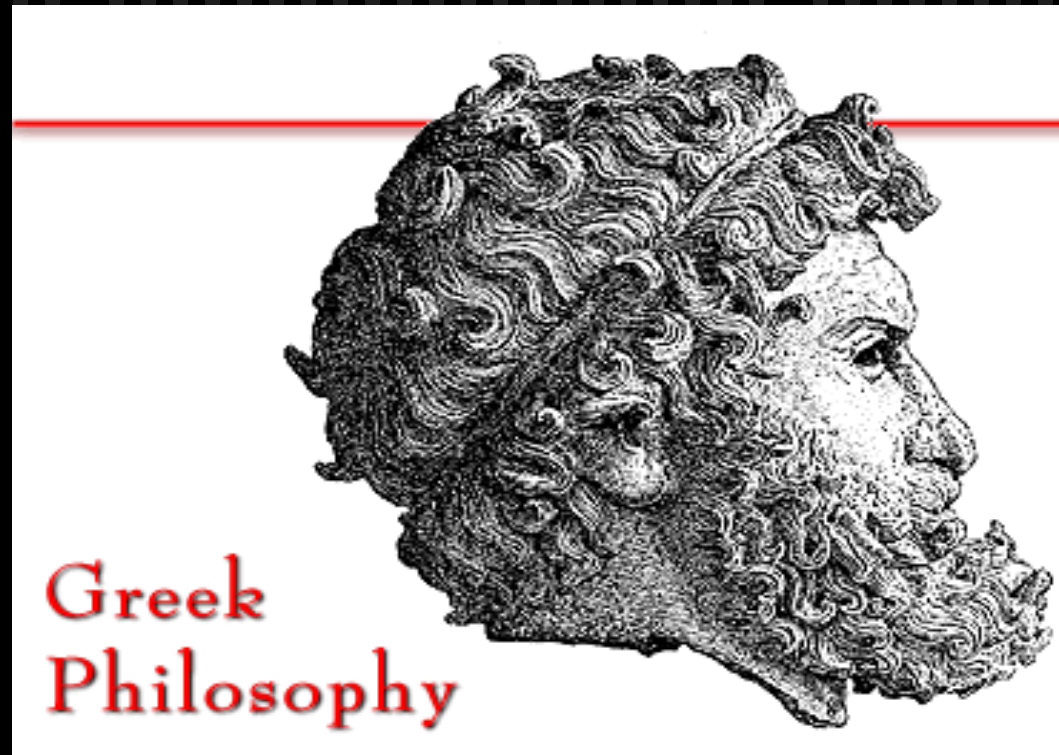
But God...


Has revealed it to us by His Spirit.

A little bit of Greek Philosophy!!



Like is only known by like





The Greeks argued that humans do not on their own possess the quality that would make it possible to know God or God's wisdom. As only like can know like only God can know God



The Spirit:



- ✓ Searches the deep things of God
- ✓ We have the Spirit in us - the “Link” between man and God.
- ✓ We can know the depths of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God

The Spirit



- ✓ Revealer
- ✓ Teacher
- ✓ Brings understanding and discernment

Theology!

- ✓ The Spirit's revelation of God
- ✓ The Spirit as part of the Godhead.
- ✓ The Spirit as down payment on our inheritance
- ✓ The Spirit as a seal
- ✓ The Spirit's role in worship, prayer.
- ✓ The Spirit as power.
- ✓ The Spirit role in the individual life –gifts and fruit, of Spirit over flesh
- ✓ The Spirit's role in our corporate existence.



If you want to know God more then seek
to keep in step and in touch with His
Spirit.