

# The Israel of God

## Spiritual Perception

1 Corinthians 2

6 Howbeit we speak **wisdom** (not knowledge) among **them that are perfect (q5046 – complete)**: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to naught:

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Knowledge is an accumulation of facts, but wisdom is understanding of how to use knowledge.

8 Which none of the princes (q758 – ruler) of this world **knew (q1096 – know by experience)**: for had they **known (q1096)** it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Because they would have been walking in love.

9 But as it is written, 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.

Man cannot know the things of God without first understanding **God is love**. Grasping the love God manifested at the cross will allow one to enter into the deeper truths of God's character, that is, the kingdom of God.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man **knows (q1492 – to perceive)** the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even **so (q3779 – in this manner)** the things of God **knows (q1492 – to perceive)** no man, but the Spirit of God. (Which is in Him)

12 Now we have received, **not the spirit of the world (universal/catholic)**, but the Spirit which is of God (made manifest at Calvary); that we might **know (q1492 – to perceive)** the things that are **freely given (q5483 – graciously)** to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; **comparing spiritual things with spiritual**.

14 But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he **know (q1096 – know by experience)** them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath **know (q1096 – know by experience)**: the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But **we have the mind of Christ**.

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### 1 Samuel 16

7 *But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, **but the Lord looks on the heart.***

### Deuteronomy 30

5 *And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.*

6 *And the Lord thy God **will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul,** that thou may live.*

### Romans 2

25 *For circumcision verily profits, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, **thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.***

26 *Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not **his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?***

27 *And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfill the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision do transgress the law?*

28 ***For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly;** neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:*

29 ***But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit,** and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.*

### Romans 9

6 *Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel (**spiritual**), which are of Israel (**literal**):*

7 *Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.*

8 *That is, **they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God:** but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.*

### Romans 4

11 *And he received the **sign (g4592 – Flag)** of circumcision, a **seal (g4973 – confirmation)** of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:*

12 *And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision **only**, but **who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham,** which he had being yet uncircumcised.*

*John 8*

37 **I know that ye are Abraham's seed;** but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus said unto them, **If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.**

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: **this did not Abraham.**

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth (q1831 - To go or come out of a place) and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot **(are not able)** hear my word.

*John 18*

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou say that I am a king. **To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world,** that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears my voice.

*Galatians 6*

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon **the Israel of God.**