

unto our glory." None of the princes of the world know this. It is impossible for them to come to an understanding of this mystery. They are still in trespasses and sins. There is no communication between them and God. There is no fellowship of any kind between them and the reality of this world of light and truth and glorious revelation which God has given to man that he might know Him.

The Bible makes it perfectly plain that the kingdom of light and the kingdom of Christ is one kingdom and the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of Satan is another kingdom. The two kingdoms do not overlap, and the only way you can get out from under the kingdom of darkness and enter into the kingdom of light is to be translated by the power of God through the preaching of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is in this great passage in the second chapter of 1 Corinthians that the Apostle Paul says: I did not come to you with enticing words of man's wisdom; I did not come to you with the philosophies of this world; I did not bring them to you. I was making certain that your faith would not stand in the wisdom of man, but that your faith would stand in the power of God, that you would know that by the power of God you had been given life, and by the power of God, you have come into the knowledge of the truth. By the power of God you have fellowship and communion with the living and the true God.

In this second passage that we are examining in 1 Corinthians 2, in verse 1, the Apostle says, 'And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony [of what?] of God.' [I told you there was a God. I told you you were separated from Him. I told you you could not find Him, you could not know Him, it would be impossible for you to come out of your darkness until you received the Gospel and believed in Jesus Christ. And Paul said: I came to you, telling you that there is a living God. I came to you with a testimony concerning the living God, and I did not come with the wisdom of the Greeks. I did not come with the learning of the Egyptians. I did not come with all that the

Roman world had to offer. I came to you in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power. I preached to you Jesus and the resurrection. I told you God raised Him from the dead, and you believed it, and when you believed that He hung on that cross for your sins, you became alive. You found the living and the true God. Oh, the line that is drawn here between a living God and a dead humanity!

You cannot make mistakes if you just read the Scriptures. You just cannot make mistakes; it is so plain and so clear.

The Apostle uses a beautiful illustration here. He says no man can learn the things of God unless the Spirit of God reveals them to him. He says man has a spirit inside him, and no man knows what is in a man except the man himself.

We do not know the things of the Spirit of God. Only God knows the goings of God and it is His Spirit that takes the things of God and reveals them to us. Without the work of the Spirit of God in revealing to us the mind of God and the purpose of God and the power of God, we are lost. We are without God.

Let us look at what we call the appraisal of man. The first thing that we must consider is that everyone recognizes that there is such a thing as death. We do not have to debate that subject. We all know it is coming. I am speaking about physical death — we have an appointment with it. Just how soon it is going to lay its hand on me I do not know, and just how soon it is going to lay its hand on you I do not know; but if the Lord tarries, that appointment will be kept. You cannot evade it. What is on the other side of that door of death no one knows. We know this old world of ours, but there is darkness beyond that.

You know, it is not a very nice experience to have someone you love, someone you have lived with, someone that you know just stop breathing. That person cannot talk. You say he has gone; something has happened to him. He cannot talk to you any more. You say he is dead. And then we take what is left—that which was once in a nice, warm home, and sat at the breakfast table—and we put it in a box and dig a hole in the ground, and we put it down in the ground.