

# **“REASONING vs. REVELATION”**

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10a**

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7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

## 1 Corinthians 2:8-9

8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

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## **Hebrews 6:1**

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

## **Hebrews 10:14**

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

# Maturing the Believers

- **Mature = genuine, real**
- **Of this age = philosophy of the world**

# 1 Corinthians 1:19

For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

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- **Ordained = predetermined plan**

## Romans 8:29-30

<sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. <sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

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# 1 Timothy 1:12-13

<sup>12</sup> And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,  
<sup>13</sup> although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

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## **Acts 7:51**

“ You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

## **Acts 7:52**

Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,

# Misunderstood by Unbelievers

- Ignorance
- Injustice
- Inadequacy of reason

# 1 Corinthians 2:9a

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, ..."

## **Isaiah 64:4**

For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him.

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# 1 Corinthians 2:9b

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## **Isaiah 65:17**

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

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- Revealed to believers

# **1 Corinthians 2:10a**

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## **Matthew 13:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

<sup>11</sup> He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.