1 Corinthians 2:14 -If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he shall receive a reward.

- v. 15 -If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved [ σώζω (sozō): to deliver safe from danger, loss, or destruction], yet as through fire [ works tested for evaluation ].
- 9. Each believer's works will be evaluated by tests of fire. The foundation is built by Jesus and is the immutable Word of God (v. 11), while the superstructure are the works of the divine-good or human-good production of the saints (vv. 13–15).
- 10. As was noted earlier, In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, his initial subject is the comparison of human wisdom as opposed to God's wisdom.
- His focus is on the carnality of those in the 11. Corinthian church which prevents them from being able to comprehend divine truth resulting in being trapped in the behavior patterns that defined their lives while in unbelief.
- 12. In Chapter 2, Paul makes the point in verses 1–8 that he does not rely on human wisdom.
- 13. In verses 9–12, Paul reveals that divine wisdom cannot originate with man, nor can it be understood by human wisdom.
- 14. Verse 13 states that divine wisdom is taught, not from the source of human wisdom, but taught by illuminations [ **sunkrínō** ] of the Holy Spirit, combining spiritual phenomena [ pneumatikoís: revealed truth ] with spiritual systems [ pneumatiká: (1) Revelation, Inspiration, Interpretation, Illumination, and Animation, (2) Grace Apparatus for Perception: Operation Z, and (3) Spirituality: the filling of the Holy Spirit ].
- 15. This is the process God has designed by which His infinite wisdom can be communicated to the finite minds of mankind.

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> 16. Verses 14–16 reveal that a person in reversionism cannot understand supernatural phenomena because divine wisdom is foolishness to him. He cannot understand it because it is [ anakrínō: discerned ] "spiritually" [ πνευματικώς (pneumatikós): "spirituality" by the filling of the Holy Spirit and His teaching ministry ].

- 17. Paul then advances on the concept that the person who is spiritual [pneumatikós] "discerns all things" which refer to spiritual phenomena.
- 18. In addition, this spirit-filled person cannot be successfully criticized by anyone since he is controlled by the Holy Spirit.
- 19. The passage and the chapter conclude with:
- 1 Corinthians 2:16 -For who has known the mind of the Lord, that we will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.
- The first sentence of this verse is a paraphrase of 20. Isaiah 40:13:

Isaiah 40:13 -Who has directed the Spirit [חֵוֹם (ruach)] of the Lord, or as His counselor has informed Him?