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Ephesians 3:1-5

Christ

Revealed by:

Holy Spirit



Paul



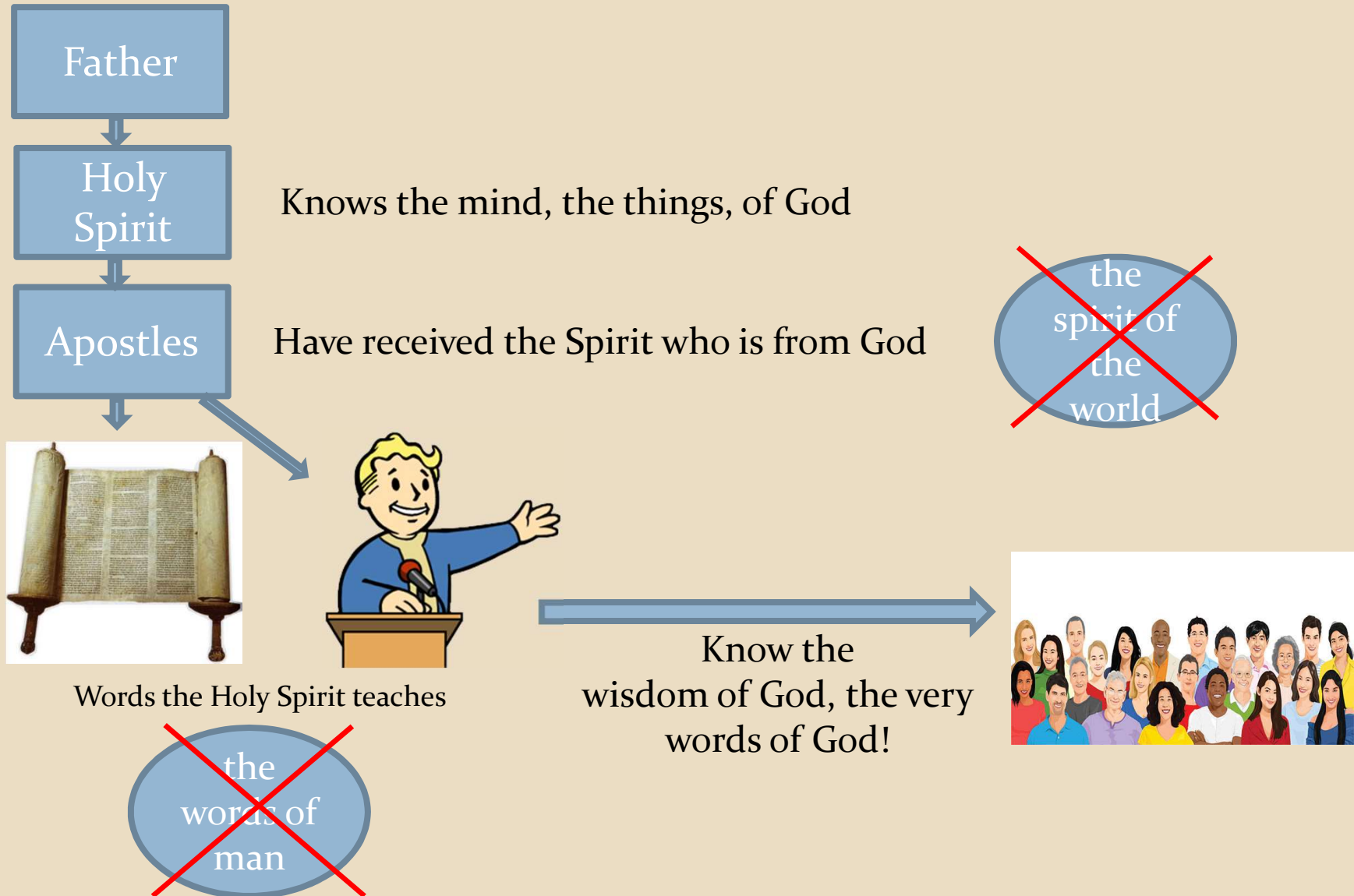
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Read & Understand



I Corinthians 2:1-13



The Mystery and God's Eternal Purpose

- The mystery which had been hidden has now been revealed (3:1-9)
 - Made known by revelation
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 - To enlighten all men
- Jew and Gentile in one body in Christ
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God's Eternal Purpose Accomplished

- To show divine wisdom through the church (3:10-11)
 - What – manifold wisdom of God
 - To whom – the principalities & powers in the heavenly places
 - Through what – the church
- Exactly what God intended to accomplish in Christ Jesus

The Accomplishment of God's Eternal Purpose Gives Us Access to God (3:12-19)

- Through faith in Christ (3:12)
- Therefore, to the intent that we may have boldness and access with confidence:
 - Do not faint (3:13)
 - Paul's prayer for them (and us)
 - Be strengthened through His Spirit (3:16)
 - Let Christ dwell in your hearts (3:17)
 - Be rooted and grounded in love (3:17)
 - Comprehend the riches of God, know the love of Christ (3:18-19)
 - Be filled with all the fullness of God (3:19)

The Accomplishment of God's Eternal Purpose...

- Brings glory to God (3:20-21)
 - He is able
 - In the church
 - By Christ
 - Throughout all of
 - The world's existence
 - Eternity

Take Aways

- What was hidden has now been made known, and we have it before us!
- You and I can read and understand the knowledge of the apostles and prophets
 - One cannot understand without reading/hearing
 - But it is possible to read and not understand. The Bible gives many reasons why.
- The church was exactly what God intended to accomplish in Jesus Christ from eternity
 - No after-thought or accident
- We have boldness and access to God with confidence
 - We have responsibility in the matter

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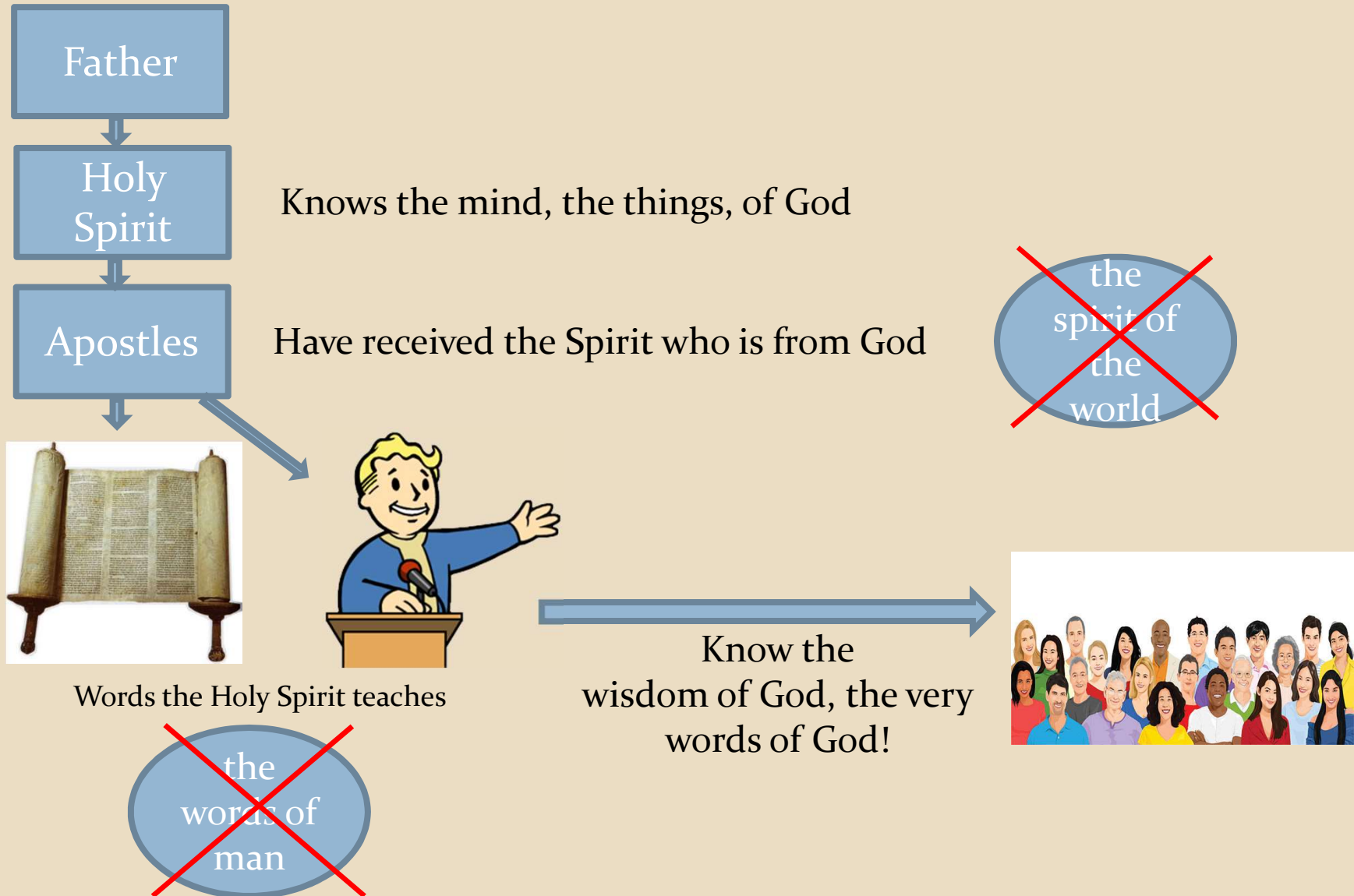
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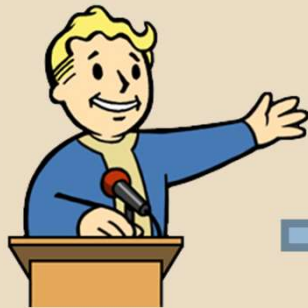
Apostles

Knows the mind, the things, of God

Have received the Spirit who is from God



Words the Holy Spirit teaches



Know the wisdom of God, the very words of God!



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