

- ↳ Where are the smart people? Where are the informed people? Where are the people who figure things out? There aren't any of those here. With all of our know-how, intelligence, advances, and powerful research, we missed the greatest reality in the universe! Something is not right with us.
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**1. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be born deaf or blind?**

- ✓ Someone has to tell you the lights are on, or the Sun is up; you have to be shown that someone is speaking to you, or that a band was playing. Bad news is that we are all born this way in a spiritual sense. Blind to reality; to what really matters. Deaf to the truth; to what is real wisdom. What has happened in the Corinthians church is not that they are blind or deaf anymore but that they have gone back to their old natural ways and are reasoning like the otherwise blind and deaf world they have been called out of. Paul is trying to talk them back into reality, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:1 "remember how you were saved?" 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:2 "Remember how I came to you, not like the world would have." 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:6, this is not information or experiences available to the people of this age who receive information only through their eyes and ears.

**2. There are certain things that are out of reach of our senses.**

- ✓ Of all things there is to know and perceive, we don't know so much. With regard to things of God, we aren't informed at all. We are blind and deaf to them. Why do think that God gives so much attention to the healing of the blind and deaf in Jesus? They are a metaphor for the human existence. It's who we all are spiritually. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:7, "mystery" is not referring to a who-done-it, but instead to an unknowable thing. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:8, this is imperceivable information. No amount of research would ever come up with it. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:9, this verse has gone to too many funerals poorly applied. It's not referring the things that we will know only in the here-after, but things that we can know now.

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:11-13, what we are born blind and deaf to, what our intellect and natural wisdom cannot lay hold of what the smartest and most informed among us cannot obtain, God has revealed to us by His Spirit. So, we can't gain them or know them through our own efforts, but we can receive them! The Holy Spirit is our interpreter, He knows how to sign for the deaf and He knows how to lead the blind. When the Holy Spirit is our interpreter He translates not only the language but also the culture of Heaven to us. It's a message that is only received by the mature, the immature don't really get it. What good is an interpreter to a baby? It's not that the Interpreter isn't speaking, it's just that they aren't understanding. The Corinthian church's problem wasn't an Interpreter problem, it was a maturity problem.**

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