

# I Corinthians

## Chapter 2

Discussion: What drew you to St Paul's Lutheran Church?

What keeps you here?

1. What is the background to vs 1-5? (Acts 18:1-17)
2. Verse 1
  - a. ὑπεροχή superiority, excellence, preeminence, authority.
  - b. σοφία wisdom, insight, skill (human or divine), intelligence.
3. Could Acts 18:12-17 be the reason for vs 3?
4. What is a "demonstration"? Vs 4
5. What is the "secret and hidden wisdom of God"? (Matthew 11: 25-26, 13:13)
6. One foot in man and one foot in God (10-12)
7. I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. (vs 13)
8. ψυχικός ("natural") typically describes the natural ("lower") aspect of humanity, i.e. behavior that is "more of earth (carnality) than heaven." 5591 (psykhikós) then sometimes stands in contrast to 4152 /pneumatikós ("spiritual") – the higher, spiritual aspect of humanity that develops through faith (4102 /pístis). (vs 14)
9. ἀνακρίνω I examine, inquire into, investigate, question. (vs 15)