HOLY GHOST MEETINGS

Beyond The Understanding

I. **The manifestation of The Spirit functions beyond human understanding-*1Co2:1-*** *When I came to you, came not with excellency of speech* **[superiority, elevated, distinguished, eloquence]** *or of wisdom* **[human wisdom]** *declaring unto you the testimony of God* **[One can declare the testimony of God with eloquence and human wisdom-That's not the same as being anointing]**.[2]*For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified* **[Jesus is the focus NOT his wisdom or eloquent speech]**.[3]*And I was with you in* ***WEAKNESS*** **[human inadequacy/limitation]** *and in* ***FEAR*** **[reverence]** *and in much* ***TREMBLING*** **[shaking from seriousness] [Recognizes the holiness of these things and his human inadequacy in ministering them •He's educated and well-spoken but this is beyond intellect and that won't help him in this •He's dealing with something spiritual NOT something natural]**.[4]*And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words* **[persuasive, convincing]** *of* ***MAN'S WISDOM*** **[human]** *but in* ***DEMONSTRATION*** **[proof, evidence, manifestation]** *of the Spirit and of power* **[The Holy Spirit shows himself, that He is really there and at work and by making His presence and power evident this is convincing evidence that the message is from God •His message was validated NOT by wise/eloquent speech but by The demonstration of The Spirit •The Holy Ghost accompanied His preaching]**:[5]*That your faith should not stand in the* ***WISDOM OF MEN*** **[human insight]** *but in the power of God.* **[Without The demonstration of The Spirit faith ends up in the wrong place, man's wisdom, methods]**.[6]*Howbeit* ***WE SPEAK WISDOM*** *among them that are* ***PERFECT*** **[spiritually mature •The immature won't receive it]**: *yet not* ***THE WISDOM OF THIS WORLD*** *nor of the princes of this world that come to nought* **[World's wisdom will be brought to nought]**:[7]*But we speak* ***THE WISDOM OF GOD*** *in a* ***MYSTERY*** **[Hidden from human understanding, beyond human comprehension, must be revealed by The Spirit]** *even the* ***HIDDEN WISDOM*** **[not discovered by human intelligence]** *which God ordained before the world* ***UNTO OUR GLORY***:[8]*Which none of the princes of this world knew* **[If you're governed by your head or the devil you don't know it]** ***FOR HAD THEY KNOWN IT*** *they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.* **[Human wisdom causes you to miss things spiritually]**[9]*…As it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.* **[If you're governed by human understanding you'll miss out on what God has prepared •What God prepared for us cannot be known, understood, experienced apart from The Holy Spirit-Jn16:15-Take of mine and shall show it to you]**[10]*But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea the* ***DEEP THINGS OF GOD***. **[Levels to this]**[11]*For what man know the things of a man save the spirit of man which is in him? even so* ***THE THINGS OF GOD KNOWS NO MAN*** *but the Spirit of God.* **[Human understanding knows nothing about the things of God •You can't get to the things of God by natural understanding •One of the biggest hindrances to experiencing the moving of The Spirit is the need to understand •Spiritual things go beyond your understanding •Your head can keep you from the things of The Spirit]**.[12]*Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God;* ***THAT WE MIGHT KNOW*** **[You can only know these things by The Spirit]** *the things that are freely given to us of God.*[13]*Which things also we speak not in the words which* ***MAN'S WISDOM*** *teaches but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.* **[Communicating spiritual truths with spirit taught words]**.[14]*But* ***THE NATURAL MAN*** **[Man governed by the human senses, reasoning, natural**

understanding] ***RECEIVES NOT*** **[welcome, accept, grant access, get]** ***THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD*** *for they are* ***FOOLISHNESS*** *unto him:* **[GNB-Seem to be nonsense-AM-Absurd and illogical-WUEST-Unregenerate man of the highest intellectual attainments does not grant access to the things of the Spirit of God-MS-No capacity for them. They seem like so much silliness. Spirit can be known only by spirit •It's why they mock them]** *neither can he know* **[understand]** *them because* ***THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED.*** **[Examined, understood, appreciated •Not naturally discerned by human understanding, the senses, reasoning, intellect •The unsaved doesn't have the capacity to discern them and a believer governed by the understanding can't discern them •They function outside sense and reason and to get into them you have to be willing to go beyond sense, reason and natural understanding]** *15But he that is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.* **[A person governed by The Spirit can properly evaluate and discern the things of God, but a natural man lacks the spiritual capacity to rightly evaluate a spiritual person and the spiritual truths he understands].** *16For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ*

II. **Lean not to your own understanding means we're going beyond that-*Pr3:5****-****Trust** *in the Lord with all thine heart and* ***LEAN*** **[rely, trust in]** *not unto* ***THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING*** **[knowledge, discernment] [You don't known enough and your understanding is missing parts].** *6In all thy ways acknowledge him and* ***HE SHALL*** *direct thy paths* **[Only by Him will you know what's right].** *7Be not wise in thine own eyes****-Jr17:5****-Cursed by the man that trusts in man and makes flesh his arm****-Rm8:6-AC****-The mind of the flesh [is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit]-*** **[Natural man is governed by knowledge gained through his senses and reasoning •He will only accept what his senses and reasoning say is right and true]-*** ***1Co3:1****-I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto* ***SPIRITUAL*** **[governed by The Spirit]** *but as unto* ***CARNAL*** **[governed by human nature, sense, reasoning]** *… 3ye are yet carnal…and walk as men* **[Much of the church lives on a human level and anything beyond sense and reason they won't accept-*1Co2:14-NTFE****-****Someone living** *at the merely human level doesn't accept the things of God's spirit* **[There are things real, things good, things of God that function well out beyond what you know or understand and beyond what you think is right and true and if you're unwilling to go beyond the understanding you'll never enjoy them]**