   A. How do we receive the “THINGS” of God?

II. John 16:12-15
   A. V12 - I still have many “things” to say to you
      Bear - bastazo - To cognitively accept or receive something difficult to understand.
      1. V7 - Many “truths” to say to you but you cannot bear them now.
   B. V13 - He will tell you “things” to come
      1. Guide - hodegeo - Lead someone to know, lead in learning; instruct, explain, show the way.
         a) To come - To move toward, travel toward - Guide you into
   C. V14-15 - All “things” that the Father has are Mine
      1. He will declare “it” (things) to you.

III. 1 Cor 2:9-15 - 3 Truths about the “THINGS” of God
   A. V9 - God PREPARES the “things” of God - God is a preparer of “things”
      1. Eye hasn’t seen, nor ear heard - Natural realm; 5 senses
      2. Nor have entered into the heart of man
         a) Entered - To go up, arise, ascend
         b) Comprehension - To begin to think or come to mind
      3. Prepared - hetoimazo - To make ready, plan, work out the details or equip in advance for a particular purpose
         a) Active indicative verb - The state described is real and currently exists
         b) Isa 46:9-10 9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure
   B. V10-11 - Holy Spirit REVEALS the “things” of God
      1. “But” - Logical contrastive conjunction
      2. How do we receive truths into our lives?
         a) Physical realm evidence
         b) Mental comprehension - I have to understand how
      3. Revealed - apokalypto - To take off the cover; to reveal, disclose, make known.
      4. Through - dia - The channel or means by which something happens
      5. Searches - eraunao - To examine; to attempt to learn something by careful investigation or searching—to try to find out, to seek information
C. V12-14 - We RECEIVE the things of God

1. **Received** - lambano - To take, grab, seize or take hold of; to receive or accept an object or benefit for which the initiative rests with the giver, but the focus of attention in the transfer is upon the receiver

2. **Know** - oida - To understand and comprehend the meaning of something fully; fullness of knowledge

3. **Have been freely given** — charizomai - To give or grant graciously and generously, with the implication of good will on the part of the giver

4. **Natural** - psuchikos - Human, physical, finite

5. **Receive** - dechomai - To accept, welcome, believe or hold as true

6. **Foolishness** - moria - Absurd, nonsense, silly or folly

7. **Discerned** - anakrino - To examine closely, scrutinize and evaluate carefully

IV. **APPLICATION:**

A. We need to know and believe that God is a preparer and nothing takes Him by surprise!

B. What things in your life do you feel like you are not prepared for?

C. Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the things that God has prepared for you?

D. Are you trying to receive the things of God through the natural realm only? Your senses or ability to understand?