

I desire that you will draw directly from the source that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory ignites the spirit of wisdom and of revelation in you in the unveiling of His Master Plan. I desire that you know by revelation what he has known about you all along ([Eph. 1:17](#)).

There is something very important in the phrasing of this verse. The phrase "...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ..." refers "to our Lord in His humanity AS WORSHIPPING AND BEING OBEDIENT TO GOD THE FATHER." The reason this is important is that by associating this prayer with the same God that Jesus as a man worshipped and was obedient to Paul is letting us know that we as humans, living as Christ lived on the earth with His Spirit in us, can also DRAW FROM THE SAME SOURCE WISDOM AND REVELATION. In the Greek text, Father is "THE FATHER OF THE GLORY" meaning "He is the Father to whom glory belongs" (Wuest). He is the Source, the Genesis, the Origin of glory.

His Master Plan was Christ in us. The wisdom and revelation is for the KNOWLEDGE OF HIM. Knowledge is FULL KNOWLEDGE and KNOWLEDGE BY EXPERIENCE. It comes from word "gnosis," which means PRESENT AND FRAGMENTARY KNOWLEDGE. Epignosis, here, is CLEAR AND EXACT KNOWLEDGE WHICH EXPRESSES A MORE THOROUGH PARTICIPATION OF THE ONE KNOWING. **I.E. YOU ARE EXPERIENCING THE KNOWLEDGE YOU POSSESS.** Gnosis knowledge can serve a purpose in that it is the BEGINNING OF REVELATION but if it remains HEAD KNOWLEDGE, it will not produce the desired results. In fact, it can lead to being puffed up.

### **[1 Corinthians 8:1-3 \(NKJV\)](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

<sup>2</sup> And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.

<sup>3</sup> But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.

Knowledge here is gnosis, the fragmentary knowledge. The context is the practice of purchasing food that had already been offered to idols. Some were afraid to eat the meat thinking it was defiled. Paul was saying that while the mature know that food is neutral but to eat this meat in those with fragmentary knowledge that will then cause them to stumble due to a weak conscience is not love. LOVE SHOULD GOVERN US AS WE LEARNED LAST WEEK.

You have also asked me questions about whether believers are free to eat food offered to idols. We are free to hold our own convictions about what to eat and what not to eat; but ultimately it is not about who wins the diet debate but about sincerely loving people. LET LOVE DEFINE YOUR CONVICTIONS AND not mere head knowledge. LOVING GOD (AND YOUR FELLOW MAN) IS SO EASY WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND THAT HE KNOWS YOU! LET GOD'S KNOWLEDGE OF YOU INSPIRE YOUR LOVE FOR HIM AND YOUR FELLOW MAN ([1 Cor. 8:1-3](#)).

**Within the sphere of the knowledge of God are we able to participate in further disclosures and counsels of God (REVELATION AND WISDOM).** THESE SHOULD ALWAYS LEAD TO A BETTER ACQUAINTANCE AND DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. Paul uses the term "spirit of wisdom and revelation." Spirit is pneuma and some are not sure if Paul was speaking of the human spirit, the Holy Spirit or both.

The way revelation works is the Spirit of God who dwells in your human spirit diffuses revelation that then impacts and influences the soul. One meaning of PNEUMA is "A DISPOSITION OR INFLUENCE WHICH FILLS AND GOVERNS THE SOUL OF ANYONE." Again we see non-soul things governing man. This wisdom and revelation is the RESULT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK OF ENERGIZING OUR HUMAN SPIRIT that then can GOVERN OUR SOULS, OUR HEARTS AND THEN OUTWARDLY OUR LIVES. **YOU WILL ONLY GO AS FAR AS THE REVELATION YOU CARRY.** The impact of the benefits of health, prosperity, peace, faith, power, love, etc. cannot exceed the revelation you have of these things.

Wisdom is SOPHIA in the Greek and means "SKILL IN THE AFFAIRS OF LIFE, PRACTICAL WISDOM, WISE MANAGEMENT AS SHOWN IN FORMING THE BEST PLANS AND SELECTING THE BEST MEANS." It is also "DEEP KNOWLEDGE, NATURAL AND MORAL INSIGHT, LEARNING, SCIENCE...ENLIGHTENED UNDERSTANDING." It can imply learned research and knowledge of hidden things including symbolic language. IT ALWAYS CARRIES THE IDEA OF PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS. This means that as the Holy Spirit diffuses wisdom within your spirit, there is also an impartation of skill in how best to implement that wisdom. I have heard of people having low IQ's and then being born again and Spirit-filled raising their IQ's. YOU HAVE THE SMARTEST PERSON LIVING ON THE INSIDE OF YOU.

Revelation is where we get our word "apocalypse" from. It is a disclosure, an unveiling. But it includes "NOT MERELY THE THING SHOWN AND SEEN BUT THE INTERPRETATION." It is also "THE REMOVAL OF IGNORANCE AND DARKNESS BY THE COMMUNICATION OF LIGHT AND KNOWLEDGE, ILLUMINATION, AND INSTRUCTION." My favorite definition is "MANIFESTATION OF THAT WHICH BECOMES EVIDENT BY THE EVENT." This can refer to the return of the Lord but to me, as believers, we have too much fragmentary knowledge and unapplied revelation that is not EVIDENT BY REAL EVENTS IN LIFE. **BOTH THE WISDOM AND REVELATION IS IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM.**

These profound mysteries of God's eternal resolve are now thoroughly unveiled to us by his Spirit; nothing is hidden from him; he explores the innermost thoughts of God ([1 Cor. 2:10](#)).

As you spend time allowing Holy Spirit to unveil God's thoughts, you begin to see the incredible plan God has in place and your identity.

I pray that your thoughts will be flooded with light and inspired insight; that you will clearly picture his intent in IDENTIFYING YOU IN HIM so that you may know how precious you are to him. The saints are His treasure and the glorious trophy of his portion ([Eph. 1:18](#)).

Understanding is the intellect, thoughts, mind, and imagination. Strong's states that by implication it is EXERCISING THE MIND, IMAGINATION, and THOUGHTS. Enlightened is PHOTIZO and means to give light. It is where we get photo. Here is how a photo is formed in a digital camera.

"Like analog cameras , in the case of digital too , when light falls on the object , the light reflects back after striking the object and allowed to enter inside the camera."

Light or revelation needs to be able to strike the OBJECT of your focus. But your focus must be clear not blurry for you to get an accurate picture. You might have experienced times where you know God is revealing something to you but it's BLURRY and IN PIECES. It is the beginning of knowledge in which God is diffusing something in your spirit THAT IS CONTRARY TO WHAT YOUR SOUL KNOWS TO BE TRUE. **YOU NEED TO ALLOW THE OBJECT OF THE REVELATION GOD IS GIVING YOU TO ENTER YOUR IMAGINATION.** Every revelation God gives you is WHAT HE HAS KNOWN ABOUT YOU ALL ALONG (v. 17 Mirror).

The object that Paul is wanting focused on in this passage is: HIS INTENT IN IDENTIFYING YOU IN HIM SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HOW PRECIOUS YOU ARE TO HIM. Listen to this: "Paul prays that we might know how precious the saints are in God's eyes as His inheritance. He is glorified in His saints, and this glory is valuable. It is part of the wealth that God possesses, dearer to Him than all the splendors of creation."

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I pray you understand beyond all comparison the magnitude of his mighty power at work in us who believe. Faith reveals how enormously advantaged we are in Christ. It is the same dynamic energy that he UNLEASHED in Christ when he raised him from the dead and forever established him in

the power of his own right hand in the realm of the heavens. Infinitely above all the COMBINED FORCES of rule, authority, dominion, or governments; he is ranked superior to any name that could ever be given to anyone of this age still to come in the eternal future ([Eph. 1:19-21](#))

The NKJV says "EXCEEDING GREATNESS." this means something that is impossible to measure. Kind of like great works of art that it is impossible to attach a price to because so valuable. PAUL IS SAYING THAT THE GREATNESS OF THE POWER OF GOD AT WORK, ACTIVE, & OPERATIVE (ENERGEO) WITHIN US CANNOT BE MEASURED! In an attempt to give us an idea of this crazy power, Paul explains that it is the same power that was UNLEASHED IN CHRIST 1) when He was raised from the dead; 2) seated Him at His right hand; and 3) ranked Him superior.

So why do we struggle to believe God to heal us, provide for us, protect us, etc? BECAUSE WE NEED REVELATION! We need revelation to grasp what this all means and revelation comes as we meditate, use our imagination, pray in tongues, study the word, encounters, worship, etc. YOU MUST MEDITATE ON THESE PASSAGES ALLOWING HOLY SPIRIT TO IMPART REVELATION TO YOU.

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Paul uses four words here, all having the general meaning of "power;" the first use of "power" is *Dunamis*, "natural ability, general and inherent;" "working" is *energeia*, "power in exercise, operative power;" "mighty" is *kratos*, "manifested strength;" the second use of "power" is *ischuos*, "strength, power as an endowment." To put these together we have, "And what is the superabounding greatness of His inherent power to us who are believing ones as measured by the operative energy of the manifested strength of His might."

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This same power established Christ FAR ABOVE every angel and delegated authority in the spirit realm and in the natural realm, both now and in the future. I.E. THERE IS NO ONE--SUPERNATURAL OR NATURAL--THAT WILL EVER EXCEED HIM IN RANK. **AND THAT IS WHO DWELLS IN YOU.** And what is even more crazy is He has SEATED US WITH HIM IN HEAVENLY PLACES! Who is behind all of this power? THE HOLY GHOST!!!! The same Holy Spirit living in you is the power that accomplished all of these things!

I want you to see this: he subjected all these powers under his feet. He towers head and shoulders above everything. He is the head; the church is His body. The completeness of his being that fills all in all resides in us! GOD CANNOT MAKE HIMSELF MORE VISIBLE OR EXHIBIT HIMSELF MORE ACCURATELY ([Eph. 1:22-23](#)).

**DID YOU GET THAT?!!! The completeness of His being RESIDES IN US. HE CANNOT MAKE HIMSELF MORE VISIBLE! Do you see why the enemy has gone to such lengths to keep you from understanding your identity!** The plan of God was that the HEAD would reside in heaven and the body continue on earth filling ALL IN ALL. We often want God to move sovereignly or show Himself in some way to inspire faith or get him to answer our prayer when the FACT IS THAT YOU ARE THE ANSWER! YOU HAVE HIS FAITH IN YOU. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MAKE HIMSELF ANY MORE VISIBLE THAT YOU DISPLAYING HIM OUTWARDLY! It's very simply. Jesus said that when you saw Him, you saw the Father. When people see us, they see Jesus. **But the enemy has stolen the identity of the church to such a degree that Jesus isn't accurately exhibited accurately.** We even have doctrines that steal these truths and keep us in an inferior state.

All these power subjected under his feet was done so by a military act. "Put under" is "hupotasso" and is a military term of putting another under subjection or rule. We, the church as called out individuals, generals that strategize to make war, are His feet. The church is defined "...as the mystical body of Christ, the fellowship of believers regarded as an organic spiritual unity in a living relation to Christ, subject to Him, animated by Him, and having His power operating in it. The relation between Christ and the Church,

therefore, is not an external relation, or one simply of Superior and inferior, Sovereign and subject, but one of life and incorporation. The Church is not merely an institution ruled by Him as President, a Kingdom in which He, is the Supreme Authority, or a vast company of men in moral sympathy with Him, but a Society which is in vital connection with Him, having the source of its life in Him, sustained and directed by His power, the instrument also by which He works."

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And all things He put in subjection under His feet, and Him He gave as Head over all things to the Church, which is of such a nature as to be His body, the fulness of the One who constantly is filling all things with all things ([Eph 1:23](#) Wuest).

This filling is CONSTANT. As we maintain a vital connection with Him, we are also constantly being filled. The early church understood these things. THEY WERE NOT AFRAID OF GOVERNMENTS, RIOTS, OR EVEN DEATH. They understood the Master Plan of God, the identity they possessed, the POWER that resided and worked within them, and what awaited them should they need to lay down their lives. WE MUST GET OUT OF ORGANIZED, AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY AS WE HAVE KNOWN IT AND GET BACK TO PRIMITIVE, NO PLAN B APOSTOLIC CHRISTIANITY AS GOD ORDAINED.

ASSIGNMENT: 5 LOVE LANGUAGES TEST.