

Knowing God and His Special Wisdom

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 35

Ephesians 1:17

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¹⁵ For this reason I, for my part, since hearing of your own faith in the Lord Jesus, and of the love which *you show* unto all the holy ones,
¹⁶ I do not cease giving thanks for you while making mention of you¹ during my prayers,

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, would give you a spirit² of revelation-based wisdom³ in the full knowledge of Him,...
[Ephesians 1:15-17, DJP]

Introduction:

I. What Is a “Spirit of Revelation-Based Wisdom”?

A. The _____ of the Hendiadys “Wisdom and Revelation”

REMINDER: *hen-DIE-ah-dis* is when two words combine for one idea, like “a mouth and wisdom” = “a wise mouth” (in a good sense!; Lk. 21:15)

1. “Wisdom” – the adversaries
 - a. _____ wisdom
 - i. Birth: Genesis 2:17; 3:4-8

- ii. Fatal miscalculations
Psalm 10:4

Isaiah 5:21

Isaiah 47:10

- iii. Its fruit
Proverbs 16:25

1 Corinthians 1:17–21

- b. _____ wisdom

____:____-____

____:____-____

¹ Some manuscripts do not contain “of you”; if absent, it would be implied, regardless.

² Or “the Spirit.”

³ Literally “wisdom and revelation”; a hendiadys. Or possibly “spiritual wisdom and revelation.”

2. "Revelation-based" (see Ephesians 3:1-5, 8-9)

B. The _____

1. Other spirits
 - a. Spirit of _____ sion (Isaiah 19:14)

 - b. Spirit of **whoredom** (Hosea ____:____; ____:____)

 - c. Spirit of _____ (1 Corinthians 1:21; 2:12)

 - d. Spirit of _____ (2 Timothy 1:7)
2. Our "spirit"

II. How Does God Give It?

A. In Answer to _____...

Colossians 1:9-10

B. ...Combined With Our Prayerful _____

1. Note the combination in these verses from Ps 119

2. Or remember what we saw in Proverbs ____:____-____ and following:

3. This is exactly what Paul told Timothy to expect (2 Timothy ____:____)

III. Where Does It Grow? "In Full Knowledge of Him"

A. God _____ Be Known

B. God _____ Be Known

1. At heart, all men know God, but they suppress that knowledge
Romans ____:____

2. Only in Christ do we truly know God
John ____:____
John ____:____
2 Corinthians ____:____-____