

1. Last week I taught in part 1Ti 2:4 and when time expired we were reviewing the Doctrine of Wisdom.
2. Before we resume our study, you may want to use the provisions of 1Jo 1:9 by silently naming your sins to God as the Holy Spirit may or may not show.
3. I want to review some of that learned, and then we will resume our categorical analysis of wisdom, but first an expanded translation of 1Ti 2:1-3.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 2:1 First and foremost I urge, therefore, that petitions be made continually for that which is lacking or needed, and that intercessions be made on behalf of all men,

1Ti 2:2 but particularly for kings, and for all those ones who are in places of eminence and authority, in order that we might lead honest lives replete with both inner and outer tranquility as we go about living our very own spiritual life.

1Ti 2:3 For you see, praying for one another, and especially our authorities, is a noble undertaking and clearly an action looked upon with favor in the eyes of God our Savior,

4. So far we have exegeted that portion of 1Ti 2:4 which in the KJV has been translated "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to a knowledge of the truth... noting it might better be rendered "**Who desires that all men would believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and come to a complete understanding of the mind of Christ.**"

5. The entire verse has been translated in the KJV.

KJV

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

UNTO THE KNOWLEDGE ΕΙΣ ΓΝΩΣΙΣ

1. **Eis Gnosis** is better translated "to a clear understanding ..."
2. **Eis** is a preposition followed by the monadic noun **Gnosis**, declined as an accusative singular.
3. Salvation faith comes from a belief that Christ died to make the believer right with God. As a result, deliverance comes immediately as a forever condition to one who exercises faith alone in Christ alone. This we call positional sanctification. Positional sanctification is a forever fact.

4. There is for the believer a temporal sanctification for which all believers should strive. Temporal sanctification is also called “spiritual maturity.” It is a process and a product of the intake of the Word under the filling of the Spirit.
5. We are filled with the Spirit when we confess our sins and thus we are said to be spiritual and teachable. There are two Scriptures that best describe this grace phenomenon. Rom 12:1-2
6. The use of wisdom in Proverbs is quite distinctive. Proverbs is the ultimate wisdom book.
7. In Proverbs, chapter 8, wisdom is presented as the companion of God in creation and providence. This Proverb is often called the wisdom Proverb. Wisdom or doctrine is said to exist from the very beginning. Its importance is again stressed. Pro 8:1-36
8. In the remainder of the book of Proverbs there are many tributes and warm praise for the wise man. For example, the wise son is contrasted with the foolish son.

Pro 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

Pro 10:20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

9. Knowledge is a pleasant thing, and when made a part of a person’s understanding it will be evident in the mouth of that person. Pro 22:17-18
10. While wisdom is personified in the Old Testament in the book of Proverbs and shown to have existed eternally, it is centered in the New Testament in one person, the Lord Jesus Christ. 1Co 1:30 and Col 2:2-3
11. Christ in His human nature increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. “Upon Him,” said Isaiah, “shall rest the Holy Spirit,” Whose primary attribute is to convey wisdom. Luk 2:52; Heb 5:8 and Isa 11:2
12. As a result of the demonstrated wisdom of Christ, men asked, "Whence hath this man this wisdom?" Mat 13:54
 - 12.1 Little did they know, there standing before them was the One greater than Solomon, and that one day their cynicism would result in a special judgment from the queen of the south. Mat 12:42
13. Paul writes of Christ that He is the power and the wisdom of God, stressing that Christ's life and death were God's wise plan of salvation.

1Co 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:
1Co 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;
1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
1Co 1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

14. The Greeks with their philosophy sought wisdom (1Co 1:22) and produced such great men as Plato and Aristotle, but extant Greek philosophy omitted God. God in His infinite wisdom, by contrast, used the cross to reveal the only way man could be saved.

14.1 The gospel proved to be a stumbling block to the Jews, who were trying to obtain salvation by good works.

Rom 9:30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

Rom 9:31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

Rom 9:32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone;

Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumbling stone and rock of offense: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

14.2 The Jews were offended at the thought of the crucifixion and that they were so impotent that someone else must die for their sins. They say the same thing today: "What's wrong with us now?" The Greeks considered simple faith in a divine atonement too easy a way to salvation. Yet the atoning death of Christ is the epitome of all wisdom, since it solves the greatest problem of the world and man.

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

15. God's wisdom, manifested in His plan of salvation, met the needs of a holy God, a righteous God Who required that His righteousness be satisfied, and the perfect, sinless Son of God met this need.

15.1 The plan was sufficient for all men. Only one who was both God and man could have pulled this off. Yes, God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died as a substitute for us.

16. While Paul did not preach according to the wisdom of the world, He did preach the hidden wisdom of God, which can be discerned when God provides the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit.

1Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1Co 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1Co 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

17. God is desirous that man have and know His wisdom. Acquiring His wisdom is the reason we are left here in time.

Jam 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

Col 1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Eph 1:8 It was God Who lavished on us all wisdom and understanding.

Eph 1:9 And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

2Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Tim 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

18. Wisdom is "from above" and is contrasted with earthly, human wisdom. The wisdom of this world is a counterfeit program inspired by Satan.

Jam 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

Jam 3:14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

Jam 3:15 Such wisdom does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.

Jam 3:16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

Jam 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Col 2:20 Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules:

Col 2:21 "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"?

Col 2:22 These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings.

Col 2:23 Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

Col 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

19. God's wisdom must be revealed or "given" to men. This is done supernaturally by God the Holy Spirit, Who reveals God's wisdom to every positive believer.

Luk 21:15 For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

Joh 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Joh 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

1Co 2:14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

1Co 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

19.1 God's wisdom will produce divine good.

Jam 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Jam 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Jam 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Jam 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jam 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Jam 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Jam 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Col 1:3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Col 1:4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints;

Col 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

Col 1:6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

20. Doctrine is presented by the pastor-teacher, and God the Holy Spirit teaches people who have an appetite for spiritual food. Positive people come when Bible doctrine is taught.

Col 1:28 We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Tit 2:1 You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.

Tit 2:15 These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

Eph 4:11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,

Eph 4:12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

21. We must not give up meeting together when doctrine—wisdom-- is taught.

Heb 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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