

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-Sentence Continues

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. The use of wisdom in Proverbs is quite distinctive. Proverbs is the ultimate wisdom book. In Proverbs, chapter 8, wisdom is presented as the companion of God in Creation and Providence. Wisdom or doctrine is said to exist from the very beginning. Its importance is again stressed. Pro 8:1-36
6. 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
7. Although wisdom is personified many times in the Old Testament in the book of Proverbs and is shown to have existed eternally, in the New Testament wisdom is centered in one person, the Lord Jesus Christ. 1Co 1:30 and Col 2:2-3
8. 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 1:22-25
9. The Greeks with their philosophy sought wisdom 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. The gospel proved to be a stumbling block to the Jews, who were trying to obtain salvation by good works. Rom 9:30-33
- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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
10. God's wisdom, manifested in His plan of salvation, met the needs of a holy God. God required that His righteousness be satisfied, and the perfect, sinless Son of God met this need.
11. 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 2:7-10
12. 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; Col 1:9; Eph 1:8-9 and 2Ti 3:16-17

13. God's wisdom is "from above" and is contrasted with earthly wisdom.

13.1 Earthly wisdom tells us that global warming must be stopped by global socialism, the United Nations must become the super adjudicator of legal matters, the entire world must be politically correct and rich nations must give up their wealth to poorer nations and thus achieve not only national equality, but international equality. Jam 3:13-17; and Col 2:20-3:1

13.2 Wisdom from above tells us nationalism should be the order of the day and internationalism should be eschewed at all costs. Wisdom from above tells us the wisdom of this world is a counterfeit program inspired by Satan.

14. 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. Joh 14:26; 16:13 and 1Co 2:14-16

14.1 God's wisdom will produce divine good. Jam 1:19-25; Isa 55:9-11 and Col 1:3-6

15. 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; Heb 13:7, 17; Tit 2:1, 15 and Eph 4:11-12

16. We must not give up meeting together when doctrine--wisdom-- is taught. Heb 10:25

17. Naves has written the following in his topical index concerning wisdom.

17.1 The Wisdom of Joseph

Acts 7:9 Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him

Acts 7:10 and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt; so he made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.

17.2 The Wisdom of Moses

Acts 7:22 Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.

Acts 7:23 "When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites.

Acts 7:24 He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian.

Acts 7:25 Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.

Acts 7:26 The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?'

Acts 7:27 "But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us?'

Acts 7:28 Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?'

Acts 7:29 When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.

Acts 7:30 "After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai.

Acts 7:31 When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to look more closely, he heard the Lord's voice:

Acts 7:32 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.' Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look.

Acts 7:33 "Then the Lord said to him, "Take off your sandals; the place where you are standing is holy ground.

Acts 7:34 I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.'

Acts 7:35 "This is the same Moses whom they had rejected with the words, 'Who made you ruler and judge?' He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, through the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

Acts 7:36 He led them out of Egypt and did wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the desert.

17.3 The Wisdom of Paul

2Pe 3:15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

2Pe 3:16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

2Pe 3:17 Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.

2Pe 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

18. Before we leave our categorical study of wisdom, let's see what Paul has to say about praying for wisdom, not only for self but also for others.

Eph 1:16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

Eph 1:17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Eph 1:18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Eph 3:14 For this reason I kneel before the Father,

Eph 3:15 from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

Eph 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

Eph 3:18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

Eph 3:19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Eph 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Eph 6:19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

Eph 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Phi 1:9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

Phi 1:10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,

Col 2:1 I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally.

Col 2:2 My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,

Col 2:3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

19. Let's see how our verse four looks in its entirety by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 2:4 Who desires that all men would believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and come to a complete understanding of the mind of Christ.

20. Now let's see what we can learn from 2Ti 1:5

KJV-New Sentence

1Ti 1:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

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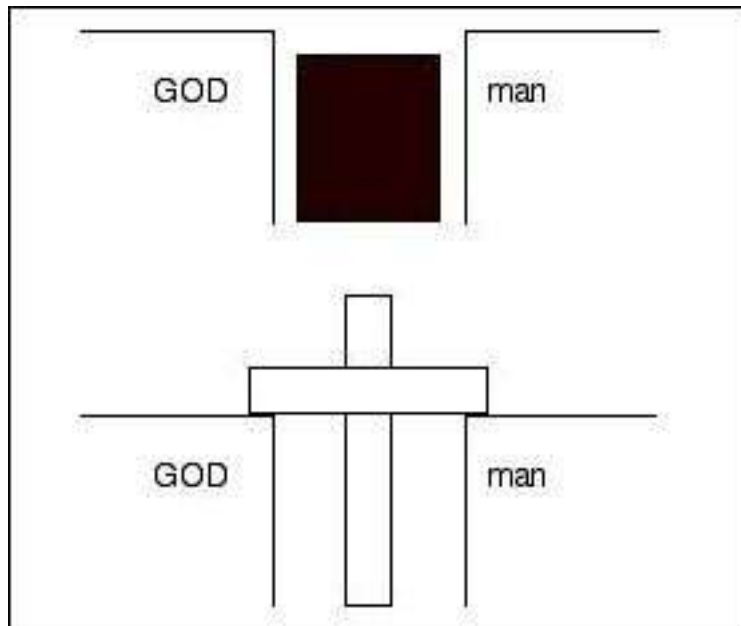
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1. Introduction

2. Mankind without Christ is totally depraved, without hope and without eternal life.

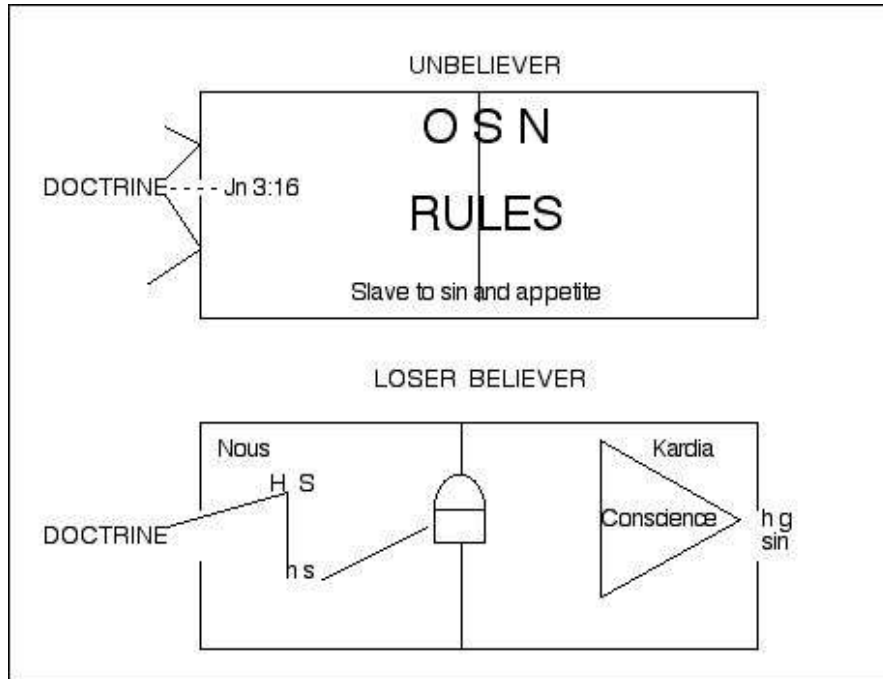
3. The problem is the great abyss separating man from God. There must be a way to bridge that abyss and Christ is the only answer. The abyss is sin and separation from God.

3.1 The separation comes at birth, and the sin comes very shortly thereafter. Let's see how this looks in chart form.



4. The cross of Christ bridges the abyss and makes man acceptable to God. Not only do we receive positional sanctification as members of God's forever family, we now have a renovated soul; a soul capable of receiving doctrine, which in turn will produce divine good.

5. Let's look at the transition in chart form.



6. Now let's see what we can learn from an exegesis of 1Ti 2:5.

KJV-New Sentence

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

FOR THERE IS ONE GOD Γαρ εις Θεος

1. **Gar Heis Theos** is better translated “For you see, there is most certainly one God ...”
2. **Gar** is an explanatory particle followed by **Heis**, the cardinal number one, and the anarthrous proper noun **Theos**.
3. **Gar** is an explicative and means “for you see by way of additional explanation.” There is no verb, and thus under the principle of ellipsis we must supply one with strength. Thus, the translation “there is most certainly.”
4. **Heis** is one of several adjectives translated “one.” Others are **Mia**, **Hen** and **Hapax**. **Heis** appears more than 200 times in the New Testament, where it is translated “one, certain, some, only, other, a” and “every one.” It appears twice in this verse five. Several uses will illustrate how it is used elsewhere.

Mat 8:19 And a **certain** scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

Mat 8:20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

Mat 8:21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

Mat 8:22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

Mat 27:15 Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

Mat 27:16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon **each** of them.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Acts 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every **man** heard them speak in his own language.

Eph 4:4 There is **one** body, and **one** Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Eph 4:7 But unto every **one** of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

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