

1. Earlier I taught in part 1Ti 2:4 and when time expired on November 27, 2011 we were in the process of studying Proverbs chapter 9.
2. Before we resume our word 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. Before we return to our study of 1Ti 2:4 I want to give you 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. I want to review some of that learned earlier and then begin new material and our study of Proverbs chapter 9.
6. 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 knowledge ..." or "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. Positional truth is not well understood by Christians who attend church regularly. However, born-again Christians who forgo church attendance often have a better understanding of positional truth, a real but horrific enigma.
7. Unfortunately, Christians who attend church regularly are often so confused by religion and theological “mumbo jumbo” that they become confused about their eternal relationship, and at one or more points in their Christian lives they doubt their salvation.
8. Temporal sanctification is a concept Christians seldom understand because it is rarely taught. That doctrine in the soul can and will provide divine good and a taste of God’s divine nature remains esoteric at best, and unknown at worst.
9. How many people do you know who believe and claim the wonderful promises of 2Pe 1:3 and 4?

2Pe 1:3 His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
 2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

10. Our last phrase studied was “of the truth.”

OF THE TRUTH. ἀληθεια.

1. **Aletheia** is well translated “of the truth.”
2. **Aletheia** appears more than 100 times in the New Testament, where it is translated in the KJV as “truth” or “verity.” **Aletheia** can also be translated as “wisdom” or “doctrine.”

3. Truth, then as used in our verse, refers to doctrine in the soul. Doctrine in the soul is wisdom that makes one truly wise. The wise one, as we will see, is promised blessing.

4. A spiritual believer with a soul full of doctrine will demonstrate capacity for good judgment and sound decision-making, because his thinking will be based on the principles found in the Word.

5. Job 28:28 provides the new definition "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."

6. The usage of wisdom in Proverbs is quite distinctive and is exactly like that found in Job 28.

Pro 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Pro 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy one is understanding.

Pro 31:26 The perfect wife openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

7. Proverbs is the ultimate wisdom book.

7.1 In Proverbs, chapters 1-9, wisdom is described as a righteous woman. This is natural, for wisdom in Hebrew is a feminine noun. The contrast is drawn with the foolish woman, the harlot, as opposed to she who is wise. The two are contrasted; one leads to blessing and the other to sin.

8. The opposite of wisdom leads to sin. In Pro 9:1-18 the contrast is most pointed. Wisdom and the foolish woman give the same call to the passersby. The one calls to the fear of the Lord; the other calls to sin. The question is always to whom will you answer? the good wolf or the bad wolf? In Pro 9:1-12 wisdom calls and in Pro 9:13-18 folly calls. Folly is a euphemism for a prostitute.

Wisdom Calls

Pro 9:1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

Pro 9:2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

Pro 9:3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

Pro 9:4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

Pro 9:5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

Pro 9:6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

Pro 9:7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.

Pro 9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

Pro 9:9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

Pro 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Pro 9:11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

Pro 9:12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.

End Lesson Taught 1-8-2012