



God's Resources for Life and Healing

Part 8E: Wisdom

Obtaining the wisdom of God begins with “the fear of the Lord” (Ps. 25:14; Prov. 1:7; 9:10), which is recognizing with awestruck wonder, respect, and humble submission who He is as the Mastermind, Sustainer, and Ultimate Authority over all creation. Next is realizing that He is also the ultimate personification of love (1 John 4:16). As such, He made a way for us not only to become His divine children, but to enter into a *union* with Himself through which He desires to share all that He is with us (John 1:12; 16:14-15; Eph. 3:19). When this mind-blowing realization truly sinks in and we commit ourselves to grasping onto the fullness of it, we will position ourselves to tap more deeply than we ever thought possible into the wisdom of God.

God's wisdom is totally unfathomable (Rom. 11:33) and belongs to the entire Godhead. We are told that everything that the Father is and has is in the Son as well, including “all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (John 16:15; Col. 1:19; 2:2-3). When we receive redemption through Christ's blood, part of our inheritance is access to this wisdom (1 Cor. 1:30). The Holy Spirit, too, is described as a “spirit of wisdom and revelation” (Eph. 1:17).

While God has revealed much of His wisdom in His Word, we cannot begin to comprehend its depths without the help of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the natural man grasps only a superficial understanding of it (1 Cor. 2:14). The same is true of believers if we do not read it in a state of union with the Holy Spirit. He has been given to us as a divine Teacher and Guide into all truth (John 14:26). The more we unite our hearts and spirits with Him as we read the Word, the deeper and clearer will be our understanding of it.

In addition to illuminating the written Word to us, the Holy Spirit understands the very depths of God (1 Cor. 2:9-12). From this ultimate storehouse of wisdom and knowledge, there is no limit to what the Holy Spirit can potentially reveal to us (Dan. 2:21-22; John 16:15).

We can never receive it, however, if we walk in the flesh focused solely on what is occurring in the earth realm around us. Whenever we succumb to this limited mindset, we get no benefit whatsoever from all that God wants us to receive through His Spirit. Since our spirits are what is joined to the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:17), we need to have our spirits activated as we live our daily lives in order to be able to receive the benefits of being a child of God. This is what is meant by “walking in the spirit” (Gal. 5:16, 25). We do this by keeping within the focus of our minds the reality of God in our lives even as we live in this world (Rom. 8:5-6; Gal. 5:16, 25; Col. 3:1). We also allow this heavenly mindset to shape our perspectives and values and goals rather than the things of the world and the desires of the flesh (Rom. 12:2; 1 John 2:15-17).

When we walk in the spirit, we not only experience union with the Holy Spirit, but He is the Agent through which we can unite with the rest of the Godhead (1 Cor. 2:9-12, 16). Jesus clearly expressed His desire to the Father that all who believe in Him could be made one with Him and the Father (John 17:20-23). Because we are created in God's image, I believe we are the only part of His creation that has the capacity for such union with Him. Colossians 3:3 says that our lives are “hidden with Christ in God.” Entering into the fullness of this union with the entire Godhead is the way that we can have access to “the mind of Christ” and “the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” that are hidden there (1 Cor. 2:16; Col. 2:3).