



## Divine Wisdom Part 1

The Church as a whole is blindsided to the grace of Christ. There is a lack of revelation, understanding, and belief of the gospel of grace that prevents a believer in Christ from seeing supernatural results, enjoying the inheritance of Christ or walking in victory over sin. Sure, they might be saved and attend a local church, and try their best to live a life that glorifies Christ but living in spiritual stagnation. The problem is there's no divine wisdom.

In our age of information, where any information is easily accessible and quickly shared, knowledge is regarded higher than wisdom. People will be quick to quote facts from those who have great education, prestigious titles, solid arguments and persuasive words, yet be just human wisdom because divine wisdom doesn't come through human knowledge. It doesn't come through reading books or going to school. It doesn't come from experience, seniority or old age. It doesn't come from intellect or expertise. There's no way to access divine wisdom except through Jesus Christ.

*So how can the Church as a whole be blindsided to the grace of Christ?*

Because they rely on their own understanding to know God through their interpretation of Scripture, on their righteousness to please God, on their strength to live a sanctified life, and ultimately on their performance to receive from God. They become unknowingly involved in the outward trappings of religion. Their heart might be right but ignorant of the grace of Christ and the new covenant.

### **1 Corinthians 1:30**

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—.

Divine wisdom in a Biblical sense is much more than wisdom as we define it in English as some special insight or understanding. In the original Hebrew of the Old Testament, wisdom is a benefit acquired only by relationship or intimacy. This is why the first step to begin to access divine wisdom is to know that Christ became our wisdom first as noted in the verse. There is a full deposit of divine wisdom in the inside of us as believers in Christ because Christ Himself lives inside of us. But we can be believers in Christ yet never operate in this divine wisdom.

In Hebrew (as well as in Greek), there are two words for wisdom: *chakemah* and *shakal*

Chakemah wisdom is the wisdom that comes from joining yourself with God and allowing Him to fill you with His hidden knowledge of and about His grace, not the law. This is the type of

wisdom Solomon sought after and requested from God that pleased Him so much. Solomon described this type of wisdom like a woman because only when we embrace an intimate and loving relationship with Christ to know more of His grace, can we enjoy it.

This is the type of divine wisdom that is missing from the Church because the evidence is apparent: (I'll say it again) lack of revelation and understanding of the gospel of grace.

**Proverbs 4:7**

Wisdom is the principle thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

In this verse, the word for *wisdom* is *chakemah* in the Hebrew. The wisest man after Jesus, Solomon, says *chakemah* wisdom is the most important thing. Solomon was the most successful person in history and here he is telling us his secret: an intimate relationship with God to know His loving kindness and tender mercies. For us as believers in Christ under the new covenant, it's translated as divine wisdom to see more of Jesus and His finished work through the Scriptures so we could know His heart of grace, to experience the person of grace.

This is why *chakemah* wisdom is the greatest form of divine wisdom we can have on this side of heaven.

Yet, most believers in Christ want to know more laws, more holy living, more behaving, more performance, and more works, and believe this is the way to get to know Jesus. They might be saved but totally missed the heart of Jesus and the way He operates under the new covenant. This is the reason they don't walk in *chakemah* wisdom. Instead of pursuing righteousness by faith, they pursue righteousness by works.

Notice that once we acquire *chakemah* wisdom, understanding and discernment about everything else will follow. If we could only make *chakemah* wisdom the primary thing.

**James 1:5**

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

The word for *wisdom* here is the Greek word *sophia*, which is the exact word used in the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament) to translate the Hebrew word *chakemah*.

The Apostle James wrote to non-believing Jews who were under the law and works in the context. He was trying to get them to see the grace of Christ. There is grace in wisdom so God can give you the wisdom to see His grace. It's the revelation to see more of Jesus and His finished work through the Scriptures so you could know His fullness, which is grace upon grace. The first thing that happens when you receive this divine wisdom is you treasure gospel of grace and leave behind works-based Christianity. Ask the Father to give you a spirit of divine wisdom and revelation that gives you a deep and intimate insight of His grace. Amen.

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