

**Ephesians
Part 6**

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom
and revelation that you may know Him better*
Ephesians 1:17

There was a continuous prayer upon the heart of the Apostle Paul for the church. I think that wherever he went he whispered these words for each believer and each house church and each gathering of believers, "Lord God Almighty, give your body the Spirit of wisdom and revelation that they may walk with You, and that they may see You and that they may know You more and more." That is, of course, my translation and also my prayer for today's believers.

First of all, each believer is to be filled with the Spirit. Paul says that he is praying that the Father may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. In other words we need to have special infillings of God's Spirit for Christian life. I was filled with the Spirit when I gave my life to Jesus. But I had another powerful infilling years later when I started to learn that the Lord wants to fill me daily. Since then I pray to be filled every day. Paul says in Eph 5:18 "Do not get drunk on wine which leads to debauchery. Instead be filled with the Spirit." The words "be filled" should be translated "go on being filled" or "be you being filled." It is in the present tense signifying a continuous giving of the Spirit. It is also in the imperative. That means it is not a suggestion. It's a command.

If you want to know the Lord and walk in His ways, you are going to need a continuous infilling of His Holy Spirit. Every day it seems that the Holy Spirit nudges me to not say something that I was about to say. That's the nature of wisdom. Daily the Holy Spirit gives me words for people to either encourage them or exhort them to a better way of thinking or living. Every day I ask for His truth to be revealed. Daily I am led by revelation to see what the Lord is doing (see John 14:31) and follow Him. Even at night before I go to bed I ask for dreams of wisdom and revelation and God is faithful to do that. It is best to keep a pen and paper by your bedside. This is the work of the Spirit. How are we going to see divine activity without God in us? It was Jesus' desire that we would not only have God with us but also have God in us (see John 14: 26 and 15:26 and 16:6-15).

The Holy Spirit brings us wisdom (*sophia* in the Greek) which is an unusual ability to hear and understand God's Word and a supernatural knowledge of God's will and His ways in order to make them known here on earth. With wisdom of God and His ways you can interpret heaven into the earthly realms. This is just a synopsis of wisdom. You can do further study but for some fun read I Corinthians chapter two. Revelation (*apocalypsis* in the Greek) refers to the insight and discernment that the Spirit brings to divine truth and the ability to see God working in our day and time (see Habakkuk 2: 3 and 3:2; I Cor. 2:14, 16; Hebrews 4:12-13). This is an uncovering of things hidden from the world so that they may be made known by you. But the primary purpose of all of this is so that you may "know" Him better. The word "know" here (*epignosis* in the Greek) refers to the fullness of knowledge (wisdom and revelation) that comes through personal and intimate acquaintance or relationship. If you want to be closer to Jesus, you're going to need wisdom and revelation. If you are going to walk in His ways, you're going to need wisdom and revelation. If you are going to make Him known, you're going to need wisdom and revelation. Let's join with Paul and keep praying for wisdom and revelation!