James #23

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit.

Open back up in 1Corinthians chapter two RF, where we left off.

Within this portion of Apostle Paul’s teaching, he is pointing out Divine Wisdom which is not from the flesh.

This is highlighting the building of the ECS in the soul – Edification Complex, it is only constructed under the Grace Apparatus of Perception (GAP), a ministry of GOD the HS.

Our current anchor study of James is what has brought us into this series.

/Jam 1:5 But **if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God**, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But **he must ask in faith without any doubting**, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.\

Because a large majority of Christians are tossed about by waves of emotions, denominational dogma, legalism, false doctrines and unrealistic expectations.

1Cor 2:7 but we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory;

Mystery Doctrine of the CA - another example of the dispensation we currently live in.

[1Co 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/8/s_1064008) *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

Wisdom – is the Greek noun *mystērion, (MUS-TER-ION),* it is used at least, 27 times in the NT writings.

Starting with the teachings of Jesus Christ to HIS closest followers.

[1Co 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/9/s_1064009) but just as it is written:“THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *WHICH* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HUMAN HEART, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”

As we noted the Apostle Paul pulled from the prophet Isaiah from - Isa 64:4.

To love, honor and wait upon the LORD is a relationship…not religion.

Because the Apostle Paul was trying to explain to the Bels at Corinth that counterfeits do exist, certainly the counterfeits of knowledge and wisdom.

How mankind learns and what mankind learns in the flesh is not the same as within the spiritual realm, of the Grace Apparatus of Perception, found only in the grace plan of GOD for CA Bels.

/Any form of knowledge that leads to wisdom comes from a foundation that falls under 3 categories of human nature; it operates in faith, empiricism, and rationalism. The human spirit breathed into our soul at salvation, has the ability to understand spiritual phenomena because the Holy Spirit teaches it through the Word. Faith with positive volition are key ingredients that digest knowledge from the left lobe into the right lobe, which then leads to wisdom.\

We are told in scripture - “*The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.”*

/We still have the old sin nature in our temporal walk. When we are out of fellowship this ministry (GAP) is cut off, the whole system is short-circuited so that we can’t understand the Word. The Unbeliever remains spiritually dead (dichotomous), the OSN is in tune with a spirit of the world (cosmic system). This is why Unbel’s find the truth of BD hard to understand.\

The OSN kick against the things of God.

/Our spirit is created in a new, perfect creature, in union with Christ. The more we nurture that spirit the more it opens up into a fullness (perfection) of CHRIST. We were imputed with the righteousness Christ at salvation, which is perfect – your new nature is complete and perfect. We have to learn to grow into its fullness.\

God does everything in eternity past and GOD is perfect, we can never add into HIS perfection, we learn to grow into it.

/Rom 8:14 For **all who are being led by the Spirit of God**, these are sons *and daughters* of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but **you have received a spirit of adoption** as sons *and daughters* by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”\

God could never create a new spiritual creature from HIS own righteousness that is flawed.

/[Rom 8:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/16/s_1054016) The **Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit**that we are children of God,

This explains the function of GAP. Your free will is instrumental in allowing this Grace Apparatus to operate. \

Your free will matters before salvation and after salvation.

Every time you operate in positive volition toward the plan of GOD. You make a decision to be filled by the power of the HS, to study BD and to apply and walk in a doctrinal manner.

God is a perfect gentleman HE never forces us into anything.

[1Co 2:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/10/s_1064010) For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

Notice the perfect plan of God the Father from eternity past, took into account everything needed for growth and achieving a lifestyle of Divine Wisdom.

The requirement is seen in the process to achieve it, that is what we often call the two power options.

/[*1Co 2:10*](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/10/s_1064010) *For to us God revealed-*

*egō theos apokalyptō,* (aor, act, ind)

The aorist tense- gathering together everything that God put in the completed canon of scripture.

Active voice- God through His Word and power of the HS does the revealing.

Indicative mood- is the factual, reality of the canon of scripture.\

EGG-O, THAY-US, APOK-O-LOP-TOE, the two root words for *apokalyptō,* basically means - to come out of, remove a cover or veil, to be pulled into the open.

The curtain is pulled back – it is no longer a mystery.

Remember the Greek aorist tense, is often used for something already completed - it sometimes is referenced as past, present and future – it is completed in eternity past.

The Indictive mood is often a reference to something completed already, past tense as well. It can connote it as occurring in that moment, which in this case means it is ongoing.

The completed canon of scripture is already complete and we are continually studying it to reach our own completion, the fullness of Christ.

REPEAT

/*1Cor 2:10 -* *through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things,*

The two power options rely upon a positive volition to ignite. Notice there is no emphasis on dreams, visions and new prophecy – that was seen in the OT. We now have something revealed (mystery doctrine), first introduced by the teaching of Jesus and then brought into fruition after HIS work on the CROSS.\

Jesus spoke of the mystery of HIS kingdom. HE also told the apostles much of what I tell you now, you do not understand, but I will send the HS to clarify this for all of you!

/Luk 8:10 And He said, “**To you it has been granted to know the mysteriesof the kingdom of God**, but to the rest *they are told* in parables, so that while seeing they may not see, and **while hearing they may not understand.**

(Mat 13:11, Mark 4:11) \

[1Co 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/11/s_1064011) For who among people knows the *thoughts* of a person except the spirit of the person that is in him? So also the *thoughts* of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God.

/ The human system of merits for perception fails, a non-meritorious system of perception of spiritual phenomena is only successful. The Holy Spirit teaches (breaths into) the human spirit. Human perception – rationalism and empiricism fall flat, and faith must have the accurate target or it is another failure.\

This is why I warned in the beginning of this short series that emotions, false doctrine and unrealistic expectations erode real faith.

In fact, any of those three can lead to not only a weak faith, but a faith in the wrong target.

/Positive volition speaks to availability, a free will which is aligned with the justice of GOD, making decisions to be available to the power of GOD. Then the acknowledgment of the plan of GOD, none of this requires the flesh. Human works always get in the way, there is no merit in positive thoughts. The free will of man can act in conjunction with the Sovereign will of God, or act independently of it. Either way, all the work, the power and answers are already given in eternity past.\

Just because you make positive decisions toward the plan of GOD, there is no real credit in that!

You have no divine power, knowledge or even salvation without the person and work of TLJC.

Everything was given in grace for us – we simply align our thinking up with the grace plan of God.

[/1Co 2:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/12/s_1064012) Now **we have not received the spirit of the world**, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the **things freely given to us by God.**

Our regeneration, the new birth at salvation allowed this process to happen. We went from Dichotomous (body/soul) to Trichotomous – 3 (body, soul, spirit) symbolic of the Trinity.\

The spirit of the world is found in rationalism, it is a reflection of the cosmic system, it is fleshly.

The spirit of the world is flawed, it is fallen and it is a source of false spirituality within the OSN.

It operates from a place of arrogance; it feeds off the OSN that tells us - we are like little gods. We have our own power and our own righteousness, we have our own plans. REPEAT

/*1Cor 1:12 - so that we may know*

One Greek verb – *eidō,* (per, act, sub,)means to gain knowledge, to observe and discern, to turn your mind toward something.

The perfect tense; means that we might understand these doctrines, (free will) that God has already freely given us.

The active voice; points to the Bel’s responsibility.

The subjunctive mood; a conditional clause, like a 3rd class condition.\

I-DOE - The perfect tense is something that happens in the past with the results that it goes on forever.

The Christian is responsible to not only accept what GOD has done for us in eternity past, but become positive moving forward into it.

The subjunctive mood is like a 3rd class condition, maybe you will, maybe you won’t. It depends on a stipulation, whether you learn anything or not.

This depends on whether the Spirit controls your life or the old sin nature, and secondly it depends on your attitude.

Are you aggressively pursuing a relationship with the mind of Christ?

REPEAT

[1Co 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/13/s_1064013) We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words.*

Notice, there is a definitive set of standards in all this.

Human wisdom is a counterfeit.

The word accurately studied under the power of the HS, brings opportunity for spiritual phenomena to be digested by a spirit-filled person.

[/1Co 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/14/s_1064014) But **a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him**; and he cannot understand them, because they are **spiritually discerned**.

The fleshly person (Unbel/negative Bel) has no spiritual discernment to understand the REAL (BD) from the counterfeit.\

[1Co 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/15/s_1064015) But the one who is spiritual discerns all things, yet he himself is discerned by no one.

No one can challenge your privacy as a BEL Priest, if you are following the teaching of the HS.

As we close and prepare to take in the LORD’s Supper let us close with this powerful verse;

[/1Co 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/16/s_1064016) For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But **we have the mind of Christ.**

Isa 40:13 **Who has directed** the Spirit of the LORD, Or **as His counselor** has informed Him?\

The Apostle Paul reflects the prophetic words of Isaiah – meaning, no human or even angelic mind, is even in the same hemisphere with The Lord Jesus Christ.

We are given so much and one of our greatest gifts after salvation is the very mind of Christ.

HIS thoughts are above our thoughts, HIS ways above our ways –

/Job 21:22 “Can anyone teach God knowledge, In that He judges those on high?

Isa 55:8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. 9 “For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.\

Think about everything our LORD has given us.

HE gave HIMSELF up for a world who hates HIM. A world who spit upon HIM, beat HIM and sent HIM into a corrupt justice system and rejected HIM. Then nailed HIM to a cross for loving us and telling us the truth.

That BIBLE is His exact mind, His thoughts, His love letter to us – HE left it for us. HE gave us all HE could, yet many ignore HIM.

You do not have a serious relationship with Jesus Christ away from HIS word.

Serious Bels look forward to studying HIS mind, becoming intimate with HIM and especially bringing TLJC into remembrance, the one ritual we are called to habitually repeat.

On the night the lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, HE took the bread… lifted it up giving thanks, HE broke it and said – This is MY body I give to you. Take and eat.

In remembrance of our LORD let us eat the bread.

In the same manner our LORD lifted up HIS cup and gave thanks, saying – “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it,* in remembrance of Me.”

As often as we eat the bread and drink the cup we bring The Lord Jesus Christ into remembrance, until HE returns.

Let us drink the cup…let us pray.

Amen.