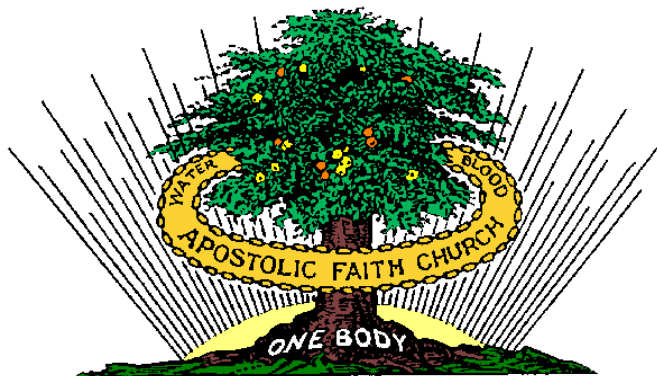


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Walking In Divine Wisdom, Revelation Knowledge And Spiritual Understanding

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“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” — Ephesians 1:17 (KJV).

4. Walking in Divine Wisdom

The believer is not called merely to possess knowledge but to Walk in Wisdom. Paul prayed that the Colossians would be filled with the knowledge of God's will “in all wisdom and spiritual understanding” (Colossians 1:9). Divine wisdom enables us to minister and apply the revelation and knowledge we receive from God's Word according to the will of God and not the will or understanding of man.

4.1 Christ, Our Wisdom

The Bible says Christ Himself is our wisdom. Not only that, but through Christ we are redeemed, sanctified and made righteous: “But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 Corinthians 1:30).

Therefore, Walking in Divine Wisdom is ultimately Walking in Christ. And Walking in Christ means receiving the Revelation of who Christ is, who we are in Christ as a New Creation (1 Cor. 5:17), and letting Him be the center of our lives, being led by the Holy Spirit who is our Advocate, Comforter, Helper (‘whom the Father has sent in Christ, who teaches us all things, and bring all things to our remembrance, whatsoever Christ has said unto us’, John 14:26), because Christ is, according to scripture OUR WISDOM (1 Cor. 1:30). The Bible further declares “For in Him we live and move and have our being! ...for we are His Off-Spring!” (Acts 17:28). In Him is life; and that life is the light of men. And the light shineth in the darkness... That was the true Light, which lighteth every man (John 1:4-5;9), through the Word, imparting knowledge, spiritual understanding, and divine wisdom.

The Word declares in that “by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven” (Colossians 1:16-20). Glory be to God!

So human wisdom may provide information, ideas and intellectual ability, but divine wisdom enables the believer to see life from God's perspective and live a life anchored and rooted in Christ, making decisions according to the purposes of God, and for the benefit and edification of the body of Christ, which is the Church, rather than for temporary self-gratification or self fulfilment which perishes. Leaders are therefore challenged and called upon to lead the flock of

God according the will and purposes of God. It is therefore vanity, unproductive and folly before God, and of no credence for leaders and believers to waste so much valuable time and opportunity trying to prove a point with their personal ability, intellectual capacity or gifting etc. while pulling the weak down and destroying the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is not walking in the divine wisdom of God.

4.2 Christ, the Power of God, and the Wisdom of God

If Christ is our Wisdom, then the believer's life should increasingly be governed by God's wisdom rooted in scripture, the revelation knowledge and spiritual understanding, rather than human wisdom or the wisdom of the world. Apostle Paul particularly emphasises the importance of Walking in the Wisdom of God and in 1 Corinthians 1, he contrasts the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world, and declares in verse 24 that Christ is "the Power of God, and the Wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:24). Therefore, walking in Christ means learning to see life through Christ. "For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent" (1 Cor. 1:19).

Paul goes further and asks questions: "Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For... the world by its wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after (worldly) wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the Power of God, and the Wisdom of God." (1 Cor 1:20-25). Glory be to God!

In this New Day, as we have been called upon to go on to Deeper things of God according to His purposes, the Church needs believers who are given to study and knowledge of His Word through Scripture, - believers who are "not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, which is the Power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:16-17). However, it is not enough for believers to merely memorise scripture, but to have an encounter with Christ revealed in the Scriptures and receive Divine Wisdom to live the Scripture and let the world see Christ in their lives. We need the Wisdom of God to lead His flock purchased by His own Blood. We need Divine Wisdom to serve in the House of the Lord. We need the Wisdom of God to minister to His people, Divine Wisdom to evangelise, wisdom to handle relationships, wisdom to manage God's resources and wisdom to fulfil the calling of God. A Hymn in the Apostolic Faith Church Hymnal proclaims:

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey

