

# Get A New Life: Wisdom and Revelation

Ephesians 1:15–23

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Thank you Jesus for the many gifts and blessings you have given to me. I'm not the smartest person in the room. Most of the time I act like it. I don't understand everything, Lots of stuff goes over my head. But, I'm good pretending.

I mention all this to be able to give God the glory. To offer praise to the God of all wisdom and understanding. Whatever I am and whatever I do is because of Jesus. Even if I don't always say it, I know it's true.

This is not a message about humility. This is a message on God's wisdom and understanding, and why so many of us don't put it into practice.

***Ephesians 1:15–16 (NIV) For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.***

**God wants to give us spiritual intelligence and spiritual understanding.** As disciples of Jesus our pray for one another is a growing awareness of God. God is more to us than just the One who rescues us from our troubles. God is glorious, filled with awe and wonder. God is also our Father. He gives us life. He provides for us. He love us.

God has a desire for us to be spiritually intelligent. Spiritual intelligence, this is my phrase, is having an overflowing knowledge of the spiritual world, the things of heaven, the ways of God's Kingdom. Spiritual intelligence is a gift from our Father as we pray and study His Word. We need to be spiritually wise now. If not you will only see what sinners see, the world as it is, not according to God's plans.

Spiritual understanding comes with spiritual intelligence. As we begin to understand the ways' of God's Kingdom, the things of heaven, and the spiritual world we begin to understand what God has done in the past and what God will do tomorrow, and why God is doing what He is doing today.

Since we are given this new life may we grow in wisdom and revelation. May our Spiritual Intelligence increase. May our Spiritual understanding grow. May we praise and glorify God. It's important that we pray this way for one another. We need spiritual understanding. As the world spins out of control we can understand that God is still God.

This is not an intellectual exercise, but an opportunity to be more intimate with our Father. He is the living God. He has entered our lives through our Holy Spirit. He is with us always. It is good to be closer to Him.

***Ephesians 1:18 (NIV) I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints***

**When the place of your emotions, your heart, can grasp heaven you will live with expectation.**

Our hope and our inheritance mentioned in this passage is heaven now and forever. I can't grasp heaven intellectually. My mind can't fathom a place that is perfect, where people live in complete harmony with one another. My brain can't wrap around the idea of forever. But, my emotions and my soul can.

Emotionally, we all want to be in a place where there is harmony. Even the most angry person who ever lived didn't want to be angry, but wanted harmony. Angry people don't know that they want harmony. In heaven there is more than harmony, there is peace. My words, all the languages in the world, can't describe the peace that exists in heaven.

When you gave your life to Jesus, you experienced the peace that comes from heaven. You still experience that peace. But this world gets in the way too often and so we miss it. People everywhere long for this peace. We've said, "I want some peace and quiet." We go away some place on vacation to get some peace and quiet. We long for the stress and the anxiety to be gone. We want the fear to go away. We're looking for an emotional fix. We're seeking everywhere to find happiness. These are emotions.

With Spiritual Intelligence and Spiritual Understanding we find something greater than an emotion. We find the hope of Christ with us now and for all of eternity. Seeing beyond this world's hardships and troubles keeps us looking forward. If all that I experienced in life was the instant satisfaction of my desires, I would only want more desires to be satisfied. If all that I every saw were the wars and rumors of wars I might not keep moving forward. If my experiences in this life were focused on the illness, diseases, and afflictions I might not keep moving forward. If my life was bound by the greed of others, the calamities and the tragedies of this world, I might not keep going.

The emotional toll is tremendous. It is easy to see why people don't care. Caring means being involved and invested. But when that cost is emotionally too high we stick our heads in the sand, runaway to a bottle or a drug, over-commit to trying to be in control, and fighting against everyone and everything.

This is not wishful thinking, but hope that this life is not all that there is. This is not wishful thinking, but hope that the God who created us, lives in us, and Lord of all has the power to change people and circumstances. This is spiritual and goes beyond an human wisdom and understanding. This touches our emotions, connects with us emotionally beyond intellect and scientific revelation.

Our spiritual and emotional connection with the God who is Lord of the universe and Savior of the world overcomes all intellectual experiences. We long for peace and heaven which are found only in Jesus. Praise God. Glory to God.

***Ephesians 1:19-21 (NIV) God's "power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.***

**Through the power of God in Jesus Christ you are made strong.** Spiritual wisdom and revelation make us aware of God's power in our lives. This Scripture has just told us the power of God raised Jesus from the dead.

Scripture is filled with demonstrations of God's power. Jesus calms the seas, feeds thousands, heals diseases, and casts out demons. I'll call that power. God parted the Red Sea, brought down fire on idol worshippers, and kept three men safe in a fiery furnace. Oh yeah, then there is the creation of all things. We are talking about power.

Although, God has always been greater and more powerful than kings and queens, and leaders of all kinds, He proclaimed it in Jesus Christ when He ascended to heaven. Stop and think about this. Engage your spiritual intellect and your spiritual understanding. Jesus is above all things. He is the master of all things in nature. That includes animals and the earth, the sky, and the sea. Add to that the stars in the sky you can see and especially the ones you can't see.

I am talking about the God who is over time. I mean He was God when we didn't count time and He will be God after we stop counting time. I mean He is God over every era of history and God over every second. I know, your brain can't handle it, neither can mine. Stop thinking and start feeling. But feel with your spirit not just your emotions.

Cold chills should go down your spine when you hear Jesus rose from the dead. A man nailed to a cross after being beaten, died and came back to life on the third day. That could make a person fall down in worship and adoration. That could take away your breath. That could shock your world. I'm talking about awesome, inspiring, motivating, energizing reaction. If Jesus being alive after dying as a sacrifice for your sins doesn't impact your emotions, but more importantly your soul, then I'm wondering if you're still breathing.

This is the greatest power ever. This power is available to you and to me through faith in Jesus. This is the kind of power that takes away fear and anxiety. This is the kind of power that helps us know that our problems aren't problems, merely bumps and obstacles along the way. With this power through faith in Jesus we can overcome whatever comes against us.

There is nothing in this world that can harm our souls through faith in Jesus. What often happens between my ears and in my heart, what I often think and fear, is what can happen to this body. I have that same reaction for my wife and kids and my entire family. You have it also. It's what makes us human.

We are more than human, body and flesh. We are a soul that lives forever. The power of Jesus Christ can make us live forever with Him in heaven when we trust Him. The power of Jesus Christ can give us spiritual wisdom and understanding.

***Ephesians 1:22 (NIV) And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.***

**Each person in Christ's church must be willing to put everything under His control.** The spiritual intellect and the spiritual understanding run throughout every member of the church. Every believer is a part of the Jesus' body. Every member of His body can have wisdom and revelation if we ask. Every member of Jesus' body can have His power if we ask.

This is part of your need for spiritual intellect and spiritual understanding. These are the things of God's Kingdom. There is no longer a need for you to wallow in the things of the world. Jesus is alive and seated at the right hand of God in heaven. He is making you wise and revealing to you what you need to know.

When we ask, He will answer. It may not be a flashing sign in the sky. It may not be a lightening bolt. It may not be an earthquake. Let's pray that it's not any of these things. Let's pray that we receive His wisdom. Let's pray that we see what He is revealing.

As we receive what God is giving us it means that we are coming to know Him better. I'm not giving you information. This is not an exercise in learning. This is about a relationship of trust. This is about a relationship between your Creator and you. This is about a relationship between your Savior and you.

The question is, when you gave Jesus your sins did you let Him take control of our life? When we invited Jesus into our hearts we gave Him our sins. We knew we were sinners and we confessed and repented. We turned to Jesus as our Savior, He also became our Lord.

Every believer has something they hold onto. For most of us, we're not ever aware that we're still holding onto some sin. Which means Jesus isn't Lord of that part of your life. As a result you don't have spiritual wisdom and spiritual understanding in that part of your life.

Today, I'm asking you to give to Jesus those parts of your life. Those sins you hold onto, give them to Jesus. Those sinful, unhealthy thoughts give them to Jesus. Those parts of your life that you refuse to look at, give them to Jesus. There are parts of your life you don't like to looking at them. Jesus already sees them. Jesus died and rose from the dead to forgive them. But you are unwilling to look in the mirror and see what you're holding onto.

Do you still have a prejudice in your life about certain people? Do you still think that you're not worthy of God's love? Let Jesus have those thoughts.

Are you caught up in what other people think about you? Are you trapped by your own busyness in this life? Hand over to Jesus those desires.

Do you want to be in control? Do you think that you can handle everything by yourself? Turn it over to Jesus.

When you give Jesus your sins, you will see more clearly who God is. As you hand to Jesus your thoughts and actions, you will understand better what God is doing. While you are giving Jesus every part of your life, you will draw closer to God than ever before.

Take a moment now asking Jesus to reveal one sin in your life that still holds you captive. Today, give it to Jesus.