

THE DEEPER LIFE – The Knowledge of Christ

Colossians 1:9-14 – sermon outline

(v.9) - Knowledge – *epignosis* – precise and correct knowledge.

Hebrews 1:3 “*Christ the expressed image of God.*”

“you may be filled” – to furnish or supply; filled to the brim, nothing wanting; to cause God’s will to be obeyed.

First - Wisdom – (v.9)

(Proverbs 9:10) "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

(Proverbs 1:7) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Psalm 19:7-11

Secondly – Spiritual Understanding - (discernment).

(1 John 4:1) Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

(John 16:13a) “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth...”

Biblical illiteracy is a self-inflicted wound upon the church!

(Philippians 4:6-7) Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

H.A.L.T. (hungry-angry-lonely-tired)

(Proverbs 3:5-6) Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Spiritual understanding - discernment between the **unclean and the **clean**.**

(Ezekiel 44:23) They are to teach my people the difference between the holy and the common and show them how to distinguish between the unclean and the clean.

(Romans 8:14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Thirdly – Godly Conduct

Three characteristics of walking worthy.

1) Fully pleasing Christ.

(Deuteronomy 6:4-5) "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

2) Being fruitful in Christ.

(John 15:5-8)

3) Abound in Christ.

2 Peter 1:5-9

Dynamo – a machine for converting mechanical energy into electrical energy. Generator.

God, is the “generator” which converts our “weaknesses” into “glorious power!”

(2 Corinthians 12:9-10) And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Fourth - Inheritance in Christ. (v.12-14).

Thanksgiving is a *manifestation* of our inheritance.

1 Peter 4:1-5

(Isaiah 54:17) No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord.

CONCLUSION: *The “deeper life” - wisdom, spiritual understanding, Godly conduct, and inheritance; according to the “glorious power,” of God.*