

Ephesians 1:8  
Summary Review

“which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight” (NASB)

“which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,” (NKJV)

ἧς ἐπερίσευσεν εἰς ἡμᾶς ἐν πάσῃ σοφίᾳ καὶ  
“which He made abound into us in all wisdom and

φρονήσει” (NA21)  
reflexive thought,

Expanded translation:

**“of which**, based on response, **He really performed the action in a point in time to make exceed in quantity or degree into the limitations and boundaries of us all in the sphere of all understanding how to apply what is known to one’s circumstances**, based on response, **and**, logically connected, **reflexive thinking that executes automatic application of knowledge through programmed behavior**, based on response,”

Principles:

1. God has graced the world with a Savior that has taken care of their need for redemption through Jesus Christ (cf. Titus 2:11).
2. God has further caused His grace to abound to believers who are in Christ beyond their redemption and into the arena of their spiritual life (cf. Titus 2:12).
3. Specifically, God’s grace for the believer’s spiritual life includes providing the believer with all that is necessary for him to have wisdom and reflexive application of that wisdom in his circumstances.
4. Wisdom is the knowledge of how to apply what one has learned to its appropriate circumstance.
5. No one can apply knowledge or information that he does not have to his circumstances.
6. Thus, man must learn information and understand its application in order to utilize it in his circumstances.
7. Applying the proper information to one’s circumstances is critical in order successfully navigate the circumstance and achieve the desired objective through it.
8. God has made wisdom available to the believer in his spiritual life in Christ.
9. This wisdom requires that the believer learn divine knowledge so that he can apply it in his spiritual life in the physical world.
10. God has made this knowledge available to the believer through the revelation and preservation of the doctrines contained in the Bible.
11. As the believer studies the doctrines of God’s Word he is able to utilize the information contained within it during his life on earth.
12. If the believer does not learn the instruction of God he will not be able to utilize God’s wisdom in his life.
13. Believers are commanded to be transformed by the renovation of their mind so that they can prove what God’s will is for them in the moments of their physical life (cf. Romans 12:1-2).
14. Thus, the purpose of learning God’s instruction and operating in wisdom is to accomplish God’s will for each circumstance.

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15. God's grace has in such a manner abounded to the believer who is in Christ to the degree that the believer can learn how to accomplish God's will in and out of each circumstance by means of applying God's instruction to the circumstances of his life.
16. Likewise, God's grace has abounded to the believer in the area of developing a reflexive thought process.
17. While operating spiritually the believer is able to develop a thought process that results in programming reflexive behavior.
18. This reflexive behavior is programmed by the doctrines of God's Word so that the believer automatically executes God's will through automatic application of wisdom.
19. The more the believer purposefully executes God's wisdom, the more the believer's heart is trained to automatically apply God's Word in his circumstances.

Conclusion:

Paul identifies that God has lavished upon believers the ability to learn, apply, and execute wisdom automatically. This requires the believer study God's Word and consciously and purposefully apply it in his circumstances. The more the believer does so, the more reflexively his decision making and behavior identifies and accomplishes God's will.