

Last week we learned about the wisdom and understanding that God gave us in abundance. As we walk into verse 9 tonight we gain insight into why God bestowed the characteristics of wisdom in us. He gave us these intellectual faculties in order that we may know Him.

- We know Him through the mystery of His will.
- God has revealed His will to His people through divine revelation
- The earth will hear the will of God but not all will be able to grasp an understanding
- It is divine discernment that we carry that enables us to have a glimpse into who we are in God.
- The Apostle Paul says in Eph 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery
 - In Gal 5:11-12 He states, But I certify you brethren, that gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.
 - As I sit here and teach tonight, the word understanding that you receive will not be by man enticing words but by the power of the Holy Spirit. He teaches me how to convey information or knowledge to you that you may gain spiritual insight into the will of God for your lives.
 - So this wisdom and understanding is purposeful.
 - It is given that we may see life like God sees life.
 - The only way to see life according to God is by faith through the mind of Christ.
 - The very thing that is known by us is a mystery to the world. We are of the mystery. He has made it known to us.
 - The will of God is Christ
 - That we may know him
 - John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they may know thee and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent.
 - The depth and concealment of this eternal revelation is hidden from the consciousness of man.
 - A secret that cannot be found but it must be revealed.
 - This revelation was hinted in the OT through types and shadows and prophecies is all now manifested in Christ.
 - Although this good news has been revealed as public information it surpasses common reasoning and understanding.
 - And for this cause God had to impact our understanding with the ability to receive divine revelation in order for us to know Him.
 - Faith always challenges human reasoning and brings a person into a higher state of understanding.
 - Faith is a higher sort of knowledge
 - Faith is knowing beyond the sensory realm and giving us the ability to handle things outside of the physical realm.
- According to his good pleasure
 - God desires for you to know Him intimately
 - He wants us to thrive in Him.
- Which He hath purposed in Himself
 - Everyone is consistently looking for a purpose for their lives.
 - When I came to God I had no purpose
 - My life was in shambles
 - At 33 years old I was at a place of despair
 - I needed God and all I wanted was God
 - I didnt come looking for a purpose and I didnt ask for one.
 - I just fell in love with God.
 - I served Him with my whole heart
 - Through love and servitude I found purpose in Him.
 - He tucked away my life's purpose in His heart.
- ***Hebrews 6:13-19 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and***

an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;