

Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Trevor; Irene.

Eric and Family.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son
Keith.

Blossom and her Family

Lynnette

Shirley

Bob and Sylvia

Ruth

Those have Fallen
Away

To all our members who
are not here for one
reason or another.

That God may open
people's hearts to the
gospel and that God will
add to our number.

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Wisdom, How Do We Get It?

Here is a question that the Bible directly answers in scripture. In James 1:5, James writes, If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. James states that if someone wants wisdom, that he may ask God and God will give him wisdom.

James doesn't, however, state how God gives wisdom; neither does James state that prayer is the ONLY way through which we can get wisdom.

James simply says to ask for it if you lack it and God will do the giving. But how does God give wisdom?

In the past, God gave wisdom directly to those who were inspired.

In Daniel 2:23, Daniel thanks God for the wisdom that God had miraculously given to Him. He says, I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, **who hast given me wisdom and might**, and hast now made known unto me what we desired of thee; for thou has made known unto us the king's matter. Peter also tells us that God had inspired Paul with wisdom to write his epistles in 2 Peter 3:15, 16: And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, **according to the wisdom given to him**, wrote unto you; as also in all

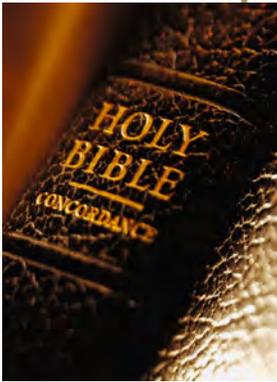
his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. God also gave Jesus great wisdom prompting some to ask from where such wisdom originated: And when the Sabbath was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, Whence hath this man these things? and, **What is the wisdom that is given unto this man**, and what mean such mighty works wrought by his hands? (Mark 6:2). Paul also wrote concerning miraculous wisdom that was given by the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:8: For **to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom**; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit. With the cessation of miraculous gifts (1 Corinthians 13:8-10) also came the cessation of miraculous wisdom. Does God give wisdom directly today?

One might just as well argue that God gives knowledge directly today as he would that God gives wisdom directly today. However, God does give wisdom in other ways. Just as God once gave knowledge directly by inspiration, which knowledge is now contained within His word, so also God, who gave wisdom by inspiration, has also left much wisdom for us

in His word. The writer of the book of Proverbs states plainly that if one desires to know wisdom, that he should study that book. Proverbs 1:1-3 state: The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; **To know wisdom** and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; **To receive the instruction of wisdom**, justice, and judgment, and equity. Paul also spoke concerning the wisdom that was revealed through the gospel in 1 Corinthians 6:7, But we speak **the wisdom of God in a mystery**, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory. Finally, Paul teaches that within the mystery of Christ are hid **all the treasures of wisdom** and knowledge (Colossians 2:3). Are there other ways in which God makes wisdom known? Yes. In Ephesians 3:10 Paul writes that God makes known His wisdom through the church. To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church **the manifold wisdom of God**.

We also may gain wisdom through our cumulative lifetime experiences. If we believe that all things work together for good for the Christian (Romans 8:28), then God may also use all things to give wisdom as well. God gives wisdom! What a great and wonderful blessing. May we ever look for and expect the wisdom of God in our lives.

Bible Studies for the Week of February 17th 2008



AM Sermon.....	The Church (Trevor)
Scripture Reading for Sermon	Matthew 16:13-20.
Adult Bible Study	The Church (Ricci)
Scripture Reading for service	Zech.4; Rev. 11:1-18.
Sunday School Class	No Details Given
Thursday Bible Class.....	Daniel (Trevor)
Ladies Bible Class	No Details Given
Sunday Night Bible Class	

Marks of Spiritual Maturity

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In 2 Peter 3:18, the apostle Peter stated regarding spiritual growth, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

As Christians, we are obligated to grow spiritually as indicated by the above verse from 2 Peter. Paul condemned the church in Corinth because they had failed to on toward maturity in the faith (1 Cor. 3:1-3). The Hebrew Christians were also chastised for not growing spiritually in the knowledge of God (Heb. 5:12-14).

God is obviously displeased if we as His children are not maturing by acquiring a knowledge of God (2 Tim. 2:15) and

thus growing spiritually (2 Pet. 3:18). Let us identify some marks of spiritual maturity:

The ability to control anger and settle differences without violence or destruction (Gen. 13:1-8).

Patience - The willingness to miss immediate pleasure in favour of long-term gain (Heb. 11:24-26).

Perseverance - The ability to continue in a task or a situation in spite of heavy opposition and discouraging Setbacks (1 Cor. 15:58).

The capacity to face unpleasantness and frustration, discomfort and defeat, without complaint or collapse (1 Cor. 15:58; Gal. 6:9).

Humility - Being big enough to say, "I was wrong". And when in the right, the spiritually mature person does not need the satisfaction of saying, "I told you so"(Luke.15:11-32). The ability to make a decision and follow through with it.

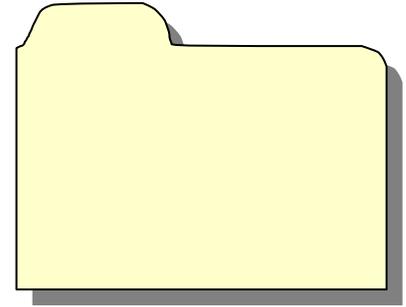
The immature spend their lives exploring endless possibilities and then do nothing (Matt. 25:24-30; Jam. 1:22-25).

Conclusion

Are we mature in the faith? Do the above statements describe us? If not, we need to immediately begin to do what we can to mature in the faith by maturing in the Word - the source of saving faith (Heb. 4:12; cf. Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

For The Files: Week Beginning February 10th 2008

Sunday Bible Class	12
Sunday AM Worship.....	34
Sunday School.....	1
Tuesday Night Study - Once in the Month.....	
Thursday Evening Study.....	12
Contribution	£115.00
Budget	£100.00.



Ricci's Corner. (Teacher)

There was no lack of religious teaching in the Palestine of the first century. The scribe was a familiar figure both in Galilee and Judea. He was met everywhere -- in the synagogue, the marketplace, in the houses of the rich. He was known and greeted with respect wherever he went. With him were numerous attached followers and eager scholars who were expected to retain the material taught and to transmit it without variation. He was often referred to as a "lawyer" or a "teacher of the law."

Among these various religious teachers came The Teacher! He was one who taught, not as the scribes and Pharisees, but as one having authority.

Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, addressed Jesus by saying, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him" (John 3:2).

Nicodemus was right. Jesus was a teacher come from God. Moreover,

the Father gave him commandment what to say and what to speak. For this reason you can understand why God would say of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5).

While the world has known many teachers, there is none like Jesus. He was in the beginning with God, and was God. In him "are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge," and he cares for us. This Teacher alone holds the key to life - abundant and eternal.

How long has it been since you sat at the feet of Jesus? Has he provided your continuing education?

Why seek out those whose knowledge is partial when The Teacher is here?

We cannot afford to reject his instruction, as some did during his personal ministry. Of them he said, "The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the

wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here" (Matthew 12:42).

Great privileges entail great responsibilities. Listen to The Teacher!

Survey Leaflets

At the back of the building on the table are some "Individual Survey Poll" leaflets to hand out to friends/family and anyone who you may know. Please take a few and hand them out. They are self explanatory.

We are all ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ, so let us spread the "Good News"

SOUP KITCHEN, ATTENTION !!!

Ladies can we remind you that the soup kitchen requires commitment every time its on. So please can we ask you to pencil in these dates?

The leaflets have been handed out to some homeless people who I know in regards to this. We need to reach them with the gospel. We cant afford to let them down. Their souls may depend on it!!

Men, there is no reason why you cant lend a hand and support the ladies!



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5.

IMPORTANT INFO

We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!

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Ladies Class: 20.02.08,
1-2.30pm.

Praise Afternoon. 22/03/08,
12.30-4pm.

Birthdays: Non Noted.

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto:
ScripturesSay.com

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study.

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 AM
 Sunday School.....10:00 AM
 Ladies Bible Class Every Second Monday 12:30 PM
 Thursday Evening Bible Class.....7:30 PM
 Men's Bible Study Class.....First Tuesday in the Month 7:30 PM

Serving Each Other

February 17th 2008

February 24th 2008

Sunday Morning

President

Edwin

Roy

Preaching:

Trevor

Ricci

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Norman

Trevor

Eric

Philip

Lord's Table

Ricci

Eric

Philip

Richard

Closing Prayer

Sunday Evening.

Flowers

Blossom

Trevor

Mandy

Tea

Blossom

Mandy

Building clean for Feb: 08

All Please

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