

Better than Knowledge

Often we hear the slogan “Knowledge is Power”. To a certain extent this may be true in the business world. Yet the wisest man in the world, King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 1:16,

I thought to myself, “Look, I have grown and increased in wisdom more than anyone who has ruled over Jerusalem before me; I have experienced much wisdom and knowledge.” Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind.

*For with much wisdom comes much sorrow;
the more knowledge, the more grief.”*

Today we want to look into God’s Word and discover something much better than Knowledge. We learn about this in the prayer of the Apostle Paul for the Ephesian Christians. Shall we read together Ephesians 3:14-19:

“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

This is a powerful prayer which the Apostle Paul pray for the Ephesian Christians and for all of us as well, that we may know the Love of Christ which surpasses knowledge.

The Lord Jesus Christ is teaching the world some fascinating things about love which the world never knew before He came to walk among men:

1. THE PERSONS OF HIS LOVE

The wayward, the worthless, the wicked, the rebellious, the hardened, the sick, the lepers, the rejected, the hated, the little children, young people and old people – all of them, even the whole human family, are included in the bounds of His love.

2. THE OUTREACH OF HIS LOVE

His love was a love that reached out beyond all classes, all races, and all conditions of men, to include and to draw all men to Himself

3. THE PURPOSE OF HIS LOVE

To suffer for, and save, all who would believe
To serve and to do good to all.
To bless and uplift all, even His enemies and persecutors
To make all to be children and heirs and partners with Himself.

4. THE PROVISIONS OF HIS LOVE

Full atonement for all sin.
An effective call for the Holy Spirit.
A ready forgiveness for all who repent and come to Him.
An empowering Presence to go with all who trust Him.

5. THE POWER OF HIS LOVE

To move the hardest heart.
To change the most wicked life.
To mould anew the most evil character.

6. THE PRIVILEGES OF HIS LOVE

To make the most unworthy ones to become His children and heirs.
To bring them into fellowship and partnership with Him in the grandest
enterprise of this earth.
To carry this great love to all others – all who do not know it!

7. THE PROFFER OF HIS LOVE (How is it offered to the world?)

This great love is offered to all mankind:
Through the Word of God,
Through the Church of God - Through all of us
Through the providences of God,
Through the patience and goodness of God
Through the Holy Spirit