

Revive Us Again!

Part 5 – The Spirit Of Revelation

A. THE PRAYER FOR REVELATION

1. Eph 1:16-23 (TNIV)

¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit ^[a] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that can be invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

- Focus on v17

2. Fresh moves of God...Fresh revelation

3. Revelation (Apokalupsis)

- To disclose; to uncover; to light up; to manifest
- IQ vs SVQ
- Luke 24:30-32 (TNIV)

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared

from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

B. THE POWER OF REVELATION

1. Know the hope of our calling (v18a)

¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you...

- Prov 13:12 (NLT)

¹² Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life.

- Hope = Confident expectation

- "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col 1:27)

²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which^{is} Christ in you, the hope of glory.

- 3 aspects of our calling

2. Know the riches of His inheritance (v18b)

...the riches of his glorious inheritance in his people...

- We are God's inheritance

- 1 Sam 2:8 (NLT)

⁸ He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes, placing

them in seats of honor. For all the earth is the LORD's, and he has set the world in order.

- 1 Pet 2:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰ "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."

- Our inheritance in Christ – Rom 8:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

3. **Know the greatness of His power (Eph 1:19-21)**

¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that can be invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

a) 4 Greek words:

- Dunamis
- Energeia
- Kratos
- Ischus

b) 3-fold purpose of God's power.

C. THE PROCESS OF REVELATION

1. Child-likeness – Matt 11:25 (NLT)

²⁵ At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike.

2. Cultivate friendship with the Spirit – 1 Cor 2:9-10, 12 (NLT)

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

⁹ That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."^[a] ¹⁰ But^[b] it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.

1 Corinthians 2:12

¹² And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.