

School of the Word
The Finished Work of Christ #1
Lesson One: Lack of Knowledge

Many in the Body of Christ lack a clear understanding of all the Christ has purchased for us in His Finished Work. Why do we use the term *Finished Work*? Many in the Church when they think of the sacrifice of Jesus, think only of His death on the cross. When they ‘plead the blood’ they think of the blood He shed on the cross. The book of Hebrews reveals that Jesus took His blood – after His resurrection – into the heavenly Holy of Holies and completed the reality suggested by the Day of Atonement in the O.T. (Heb. 9: 11, 12). Christ’s victory over death is often overlooked in its significance for our redemption. Let’s look at some considerations in this regard...

I. God’s People Often Lack Knowledge

- A. Hos. 4:6; Is. 5:13
- B. Many have embraced the ethics of the teaching of Jesus without understanding the Pauline way to attain to that teaching
- C. A lack of knowledge of who we are in Christ and what that gives us produces defeated Christians who long for victory but cannot seem to find it.

II. Revelation Builds the Church

- A. Mt. 16:13-19
- B. The “rock” is not Jesus, but the Father’s revelation of Jesus to man.
- C. Revelation is progressive. Mt. 13: 21-23
- D. Peter learned to set his hope on the grace being brought to him in the revelation of Jesus. 1 Pet. 1:13

III. The Holy Spirit Brings Revelation

- A. Eph. 1:15-7
- B. 1 Cor. 2: 6-12
- C. We become “God-inside minded.”

We don’t so much need more knowledge as we need a deeper and fuller knowledge and understanding of what we’ve heard for years but it has not yet impacted our life style. Increased revelation brings divine wisdom to know how to apply the Truth to our lives practically.

1 Peter 1:13 YLT

Wherefore having girded up the loins of your mind, being sober, hope perfectly upon the grace that is being brought to you in the revelation of Jesus Christ,

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Wherefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, as being sober, set your hope completely on the grace being brought to you in connection with Jesus Christ's revelation.

“Most commentators understand this as a gracious act of divine favor given when Christ returns... Others call attention to the present participle in the phrase “the grace that is *being brought to you*” and interpret the exhortation to mean that believers are to trust without reserve in the grace of God that is now being revealed day by day. There exists a progressive revelation of God's grace to all who live in fellowship with him.” (Robert Mounce, *A Living Hope, A Commentary on 1 and 2 Peter*)