

For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2.6

1. Received Through Obedience, John 7.17

John 7.17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

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Matthew Henry : Commentary on John 7

That the most competent judges of the truth and divine authority of Christ's doctrine are those that with a sincere and upright heart desire and endeavour to do the will of God (v. 17): If any man be willing to do the will of God, have his will melted into the will of God, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself. Observe here,

First, What the question is, concerning the doctrine of Christ, whether it be of God or no; whether the gospel be a divine revelation or an imposture. Christ himself was willing to have his doctrine enquired into, whether it were of God or no, much more should his ministers; and we are concerned to examine what grounds we go upon, for, if we be deceived, we are miserably deceived.

Secondly, Who are likely to succeed in this search: those that do the will of God, at least are desirous to do it. Now see,

1. Who they are that will do the will of God. They are such as are impartial in their enquiries concerning the will of God, and are not biassed by any lust or interest, and such as are resolved by the grace of God, when they find out what the will of God is, to conform to it. They are such as have an honest principle of regard to God, and are truly desirous to glorify and please him.

2. Whence it is that such a one shall know of the truth of Christ's doctrine.

(1.) Christ has promised to give knowledge to such; he hath said, He shall know, and he can give an understanding. Those who improve the light they have, and carefully live up to it, shall be secured by divine grace from destructive mistakes.

(2.) They are disposed and prepared to receive that knowledge. He that is inclined to submit to the rules of the divine law is disposed to admit the rays of divine light. To him that has shall be given; those have a good understanding that do his commandments, Ps. 111:10. Those who resemble God are most likely to understand him.

2. Liberates the Soul, John 8.32

John 8.32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

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9. (Jhn 8:31-32) Jesus offers discipleship and freedom to those believing in Him.

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

a. Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him: The previous verse tells us that many believed in Him (John 8:30). Jesus spoke to those who had that beginning of belief, telling them what they needed to continue in belief.

“This section of the discourse is addressed to those who believe, and yet do not believe. Clearly they were inclined to think that what Jesus said was true. But they were not prepared to yield Him the far-reaching allegiance that real trust in Him implies. This is a most dangerous spiritual state.” (Morris)

b. If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed: If we will be Jesus’ disciples, we must abide in His word. There is no other way. To be a follower of Jesus – the Word made flesh – is to abide (to live in, to dwell in, to make your home in) His word.

“ If you abide in My word: “To those who have just been described as believing on Him Jesus went on to say, ‘If you’ – emphasized in distinction from those who had not believed – ‘abide in my word’ – not content with making the first step towards faith and obedience – ‘then’ – but not till then – ‘are ye really my disciples.’” (Dods)

“ Tasker described what it means to abide in His word: “Welcoming it, being at home with it, and living with it so continuously that it becomes part of the believer’s life, a permanent influence and stimulus in every fresh advance in goodness and holiness.” (Tasker)

“Our treatment of our Lord’s words discriminates us: He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, is he that loveth Me.” (Meyer)

c. You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free: This is the result of abiding in the word of Jesus. We prove ourselves to be His disciples and we know the truth, and God works His freedom in our life through His truth. The freedom Jesus spoke of doesn’t come from just an academic pursuit of truth in general; but from abiding in His word and being His disciple.

There is nothing like the freedom we can have in Jesus. No money can buy it, no status can obtain it, no works can earn it, and nothing can match it. It is tragic that not every

Christian experiences this freedom, which can never be found except by abiding in God's word and being Jesus' disciple.

3. Leads to Eternal Life, John 17.3

John 17.3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

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I. "AND THIS IS LIFE ETERNAL."

1. Jesus has just declared that the Father has given Him the power to give eternal life to those that the Father has given to Him.
2. Eternal life is not to be thought of in terms of duration only.
 - a. When some people think of eternal life, they think only of living forever and ever.
 - i. Jesus, in speaking of Gehenna, said, "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." So it would seem that the sinner goes on existing.
 - ii. There are people today that we might say of them that they are living, but the conditions under which they are living, they would be better off if they were dead. That is presuming that they are a child of God. The sinner who is living in a torture wracked body, when he dies only goes from bad to worse. Jesus said that they would not even see life, but the wrath of God abideth upon them. But that saint of God who is living in a body that is no longer allowing them to communicate to others, or is totally disabled, how much better to move out of the prison of pain, and to be with the Lord in the new building of God not made with hands eternal in the heavens.
 - iii. Paul said that if a person lived in pleasure, they were dead while they were living. That is, you can be living physically yet be dead spiritually.
 - iv. There is a great difference between physical life, and spiritual life.
 - b. Eternal life is a quality of life. It is life in fellowship, communion, oneness with God.
 - i. A life of righteousness, peace and joy. For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy.
 - ii. It is life in the Spirit. It is as Christ described, it is the more abundant life.
 - iii. It is the life that is described by David, when he declared, "My cup runneth over."

- iv. It is a life of joy unspeakable, and full of glory.
- v. The joy of knowing my sins are forgiven, that my guilt is gone, pardoned, I am declared justified, by the judge of the universe.