



Life In Christ – The Available Mind of God

James 1:1-8

Introduction

- Why would God set up a process for us to gain wisdom?
- Why would? God not just give wisdom to us?
- When we ask for his wisdom. And receive it, It brings us into relationship with him.
- The wisdom we receive is not information imparted, but character learned.
- We observe who he is, and we learn to behave like him.
- His wisdom is readily available, but we must ask.

1. Trials Require Wisdom (v. 2).

- Why do we need wisdom in the first place? Because we will face certain trials and life circumstances that need to be handled in a biblical way.
- Consider the following verses and discuss how Peter may have grown in wisdom during his trials. 1 Peter 4:12-13; 5:6-11

2. Trials and Testing Produces Patience (v. 3).

- The wisdom we receive from God allows us to rest, have patience, and let God work things out in His time and according to His will.
- Galatians 5:22 reminds us that part of the Fruit of the Spirit is patience. The word we often read is, “**longsuffering.**”
- How does this word impact you? How do we read it differently than the word, patience?
- We often want things to change, and when they don’t, after a time of testing, we try to force change, instead of letting trials and testing run their course.

3. When Longsuffering is Perfected (v.4).

- When we endure for the season that God has intended, we become **perfect, complete, lacking nothing!**

4. The Road Ahead (v. 5-8)

- We are prone to call upon God for wisdom only when we find ourselves in a difficulty. But far from being a one-time request in a moment of need, this verse hints at an ongoing process.
- When we ask God for wisdom, He continues to prepare our path.
- When we ask in faith, our trials do not upset our direction.
- If we do not believe God’s wisdom is better than ours, we become unstable.

Application: _____
