

The Reality of Revelation knowledge

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TWO KINDS OF KNOWLEDGE

There are two kinds of knowledge in this world. The first kind is knowledge that comes to us through our senses to our mind and then our heart. This kind of knowledge is information from the world. This kind of knowledge is carnal (natural) and is skewed by worldly views and opinions. It is based upon the way of this world and the way fallen man understands things. It is the wisdom of this world. We need this kind of knowledge to get along in this world to read, write, and function in order to live, operate, and work. For me to work any machine I need natural knowledge, to drive a car I need to know how, when, where, and what laws apply. Natural knowledge is not necessarily sinful, it is not always wrong, we need it; however, **when it dominates us that is what is wrong.**

The other kind of knowledge is *revelation knowledge* that comes to us through our spirit to our mind and then our heart. This kind of knowledge is from God's Word. This kind of knowledge is Spirit and truth from God's view point. It is based upon the eternal truths that are superior to carnal knowledge. **This kind of knowledge is revealed within our spirit by the Holy Spirit bringing understanding, insight, and revealing God's will to us.** This kind of knowledge takes us from the natural realm to the *supernatural realm*. This is what separates us from all other life in this world including the animal and the demonic kingdoms. We were meant to rule and reign not by natural means alone but by the supernatural power of God's Word through us. **We were meant to rule by our words expressed by faith in God's grace.**

We see this in Jesus. Jesus became one of us not only to atone for sin and take away the power of the curse against us but to show us what God had made us to be. Jesus lived in *revelation knowledge* and

what distinguished him more than any other man was the authority by which he operated. He knew God, he knew who God was in him, he walked in and by faith in the Holy Spirit, all that he said and did he received from the Father, never a man lived or spoke like this man. Someone might argue that Jesus did these things because He was God in the flesh. We need to understand that Jesus didn't do anything of himself, through his divine person, but completely yielded himself to live as a man under the anointing of the Holy Spirit (Phil. 2:5-7). Jesus was indeed our true example and how did he live?

Jesus spoke to the fig tree and cursed it and it died. Jesus touched the sick and healed them. Jesus spoke to the winds and the waves and they obeyed him. Jesus rebuked demons with His words and cast them out. Jesus spoke and every kind of sickness or disease was cured. Jesus lived, moved, and had his being in God's Word and Spirit. **Jesus lived by revelation knowledge first and so must we!**

THE KINGDOM IS BUILT UPON REVELATION KNOWLEDGE

Revelation knowledge is what the kingdom of God is built upon. When Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do the people say that I the son of man am?" They responded, "Some say you are Elijah, some John the Baptist returned, others say you are the Prophet." Then Jesus asked them, "Who do you say that I am?" And Peter responded, "You are the Christ; the son of the living God!" Jesus commended Peter by saying, "flesh and blood did not reveal this to you but the Father in heaven..." He went on to say that His kingdom is built upon *revelation knowledge* from above (Matt. 16).

Faith comes from *revelation knowledge* not just from information. Faith comes from the Word of God which is Spirit and truth. **True faith is established in our hearts when we are convinced by the Spirit of God concerning His promises.** Jesus walked by faith and we

are admonished to walk by faith and not by sight. Faith becomes paramount in being like Jesus and remember it is impossible to please God without faith (Heb. 11:6).

BAD FAITH UNDERSTANDING

We have had some bad understanding concerning faith. Sometimes we have thought that faith is some general sense that God exists, God is in control, and that whatever happens we are to trust God in it. Faith is almost blind, disarmed, passive, wondering and wandering, but staying steadfast that God is love and all things will work for my good. Faith is said to apply when bad things happen that we should trust God. Faith is said to apply when I don't know what to do or what to say that I'll just trust God...This kind of faith is vague, in the dark, confused, in comparison to real biblical faith which in short means we know...we know that we know...that is what real faith is.

When Faith is so vague it is utterly powerless. Listen to this warning: 2Ti 3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! I would say that the church as a whole has a form of godliness but denies its power; and the warning says to turn away from such people!

If we are powerless we need to ask some very honest questions. If we deny the truth it will not set us free and bring us to the place God wants us. If faith is the victory and we are experiencing very little then maybe our understanding of faith is skewed. Much of the teaching about faith is a hold on, stay strong, endure, maintain, keep the faith, don't give up, don't let go...a vague kind of approach...when we look at the life of Christ is that what we see?

Much of what we know in the church has been, "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be..." but for now just keep keeping on...Victory in other words isn't for now it is for afterward, when this life is over...is that what we see in Jesus?

This verse is astounding listen to it again: 1Jo 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment (this is about here on earth, the time of trials, testing, and temptations); **because as He is, so are we in this world.**

If this verse is true and there are many others that affirm it, then why the discrepancy between what the church is and what Jesus is? We are supposed to be just like him!

The answer is that we as the church are dominated by worldly (sense) knowledge and not revelation knowledge. We are still for the most part living by our senses and not by *revelation knowledge*. I think one of the reasons is because we have ***misunderstood faith***. Faith as a vague thing, an uncertain quality, as a hit and miss agenda, leaves us lacking any real desire to live by it. In fact, we already live by vagueness and uncertainty, so there is really no difference from the world's way and being born again with this kind of faith.

DEFINITIONS ARE A MUST

Some definitions are in order for us to see what is going on: first let's consider what faith is supposed to be. ***Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11:1)***. Now evidence is something we can wrap our minds and hearts around. If I have evidence then I have something rather than nothing to trust in. Evidence is substance, real, tangible, concrete, reasonable, verifiable, something to base my trust upon...evidence knows something!

Faith is knowing something...I came to this conclusion actually the other way around it. I found out what doubt is. From James chapter one I learned that doubt receives nothing from God because it is double minded, swayed, unconvinced, not sure, ***is not single minded upon God's Word***. Doubt by definition doesn't know God's Will and is wavering like the seas back and forth from one opinion to another. If we understand that living by faith can be defined as I'm not sure, I'm wavering, wondering, walking blindly, trusting some vague sense of

God's will, (you know the universal prayer that goes like this, "Whatever you will, if it be thy will...") then we are not in faith.

We've got to understand that faith is to our advantage and being in doubt is no advantage—even if we do call it faith. Jesus walked in advantage knowing God's will and exercising authority in that will. **In short, faith knows, doubts don't. The Spirit knows; the flesh does not:** if we are uncertain we are in doubt and in the flesh or natural man. We live most of our days and lives in doubt not knowing, this is contrary to God's will for us. God wants us knowing His will and walking in faith that knows.

The prayer of faith is not a prayer of guessing, a vague sense of hope, not sure what God's will is...no a thousand times no...the prayer of faith KNOWS GOD'S WILL AND PRAYS IT!

Therefore, if we can embrace this truth that faith knows...then we need to understand *how* faith knows.

HOW FAITH KNOWS

Faith knows by *revelation knowledge* not by sense knowledge. Faith knows because of the work of the Holy Spirit **witnessing** to our spirit what is the truth. *Revelation knowledge* is revealed knowledge or truth to our spirit. The only way we can know *revelation knowledge* is through the work of the Holy Spirit. **It is a Spirit thing.**

Someone might memorize the whole Bible and yet have little or no faith. This is because having information about the Word doesn't produce faith in the Word. I may know about the Word but that doesn't mean I know the word personally. Romans 10:17 says faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. That is the general truth of the matter; however, hearing is a constant state of listening, focusing, and meditating upon the Word that is heard. Just hearing as in sounds,

verbs, nouns, sentences, without applying it to our heart will do nothing for us. It would be like reciting the Lord's Prayer a thousand times one after the other, it will only be sounds and words, but have very little meaning. We will be saying the words but nothing will **penetrate our understanding**. Recitation has a powerful place in our lives when it is mixed with faith. Reciting something over and over again by rote will only kill it because we will stop listening to it and it can actually become what hardens our hearts towards it. A mother who constantly repeats herself to her children in order to get them to do this or that is actually training her children **not** to listen. At some point we must take it to heart and act upon it. That is why James tells us plainly that faith without works that accompany it is dead—useless or worthless.

Heb 4:2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.**

Remember also this truth:

1Co 2:14 But the **natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

THE CARNAL MIND PROBLEM

Our natural mind does not receive *revelation knowledge*. What is dangerous and commonly experienced is a church that has taken the Word of God and embraced it from **a carnal mind**. The carnal mind interpreting scripture produces: legalism, liberalism, and dogmatism, the Word of God is preached, with judgment, condemnation, the letter of the law, works mentality, guilt driven, self righteousness, condescension, used as a tool to manipulate, or control.

Have you ever wondered why the scriptures are filled with tension? It seems that almost every point of teaching has its opposite or apparent conflicting point...to the carnal mind these are contradictions but to the Spirit they are **safe-guards**. It is not that the Spirit needs to be protected but that sinful man, carnal man operating or applying the

Word of God gets is wrong. Many doctrines in the church right now have taken the Word of God and run with it without applying its opposite or opposing verses. For example, Predestination is scriptural; we can find verses that teach that God has already decided. This teaching takes only those verses and applies it to every one's soul that God has already decided who will be saved. In other words, predestination means some were predestined to hell. The only way this teaching exists is because the opposing, countering, opposite, or conflicting tension causing verses are being ignored. The tension that the Word provides has been relieved by the carnal mind and has come to the wrong conclusion. I can't stress this enough, just about every wrong doctrine we have is because of the carnal mind deciding what the Spirit means in regards to the Word of God—it's sad but true. So often this is the case regarding most doctrines that the tension has been removed by deciding that some verses stand alone and superior to other verses...in essence, not letting the Word of God balance itself within us...I believe God knowing the carnal mind condition put the tension in the scriptures to help us stay on the straight and narrow and not go off to the left or the right...

Regardless of this tension, the carnal mind is the problem. **If we think that our natural mind is going to understand the things of the Spirit we couldn't be farther from the truth.** We must be born again to understand the things of the Spirit and once born again walk in the Spirit.

Col 2:6 As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

THIS IS FUNDAMENTAL

This is the primary and focal point of *revelation knowledge*. Just as we received Christ the Lord, so walk in Him! This never changes. We don't arrive at some point and this process is not necessary any more...

What is this process? This is the process of faith; this is how faith actually comes...

HOW FAITH COMES TO US

The scriptures tells us that the **Father draws us** for no one can come to God unless the Spirit draws them...God is the initiator we are the responders. When we got saved we had an awakening. First we realized that we were lost, did not know God, then we recognized we were sinners separated from God; Then we began to respond to God's initiative in our lives to come to Him, call upon Jesus, God's savior...

This was all the work of the Spirit through the Word being proclaimed to us through preaching or someone witnessing to us. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. Faith is a gift to us for we are saved by grace through faith and this is not of ourselves it is a gift of God, lest anyone should boast (Eph. 2:8). Therefore, our walk with God is a response to His call, His initiative to our heart. The truth was revealed to us by the Spirit. **We don't reveal truth to ourselves it comes to us from God.** We are subject to the Spirit's work. The only thing we can control is the condition of our heart. If we have a harden heart then the work of the Spirit is limited. If we will remove those things or at least confess those things that are blocking God's way in our heart then *revelation knowledge* will flow in greater ways.

We are to guard our hearts for out of it flow the issues of life (Pr. 4:23). As the gate keepers of our heart we are the ones that allow God to move, teach, reveal or not. If our hearts are after other things, other desires, money, success, pleasure, wanting our will, these things hinder revelation in our lives because the Spirit is limited (Mk.4 Parable of the Sower and the Seed). If we are not paying attention, inclining our ear towards God, not providing for God's Word to work in our lives, we are limiting *revelation knowledge*...

Faith is the product of *revelation knowledge*.
Authority, knowing, being convinced is the work
of *revelation knowledge*...walking by faith is the
product of *revelation knowledge*...

Power in Christ is the product of *revelation
knowledge* so we should make it a priority to
understand *revelation knowledge*!

Revelation knowledge is revealed **Spirit to spirit** and is
experienced with a dawning, understanding, peace, joy, love, patience,
kindness, inner witness, a growing knowing...

How do we know we are saved? Do we make that knowing
happen? The Spirit bears witness that we are the children of God, so it is
with everything we learn from the Lord. *Revelation knowledge* is the
byproduct of the ***Spirit bearing witness***.

1Co 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's
wisdom teaches but which the **Holy Spirit teaches**, comparing
spiritual things with spiritual.

1Jo 2:20 But **you have an anointing from the Holy One, and
you know all things**.

1Jo 2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him
abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but
as the **same anointing teaches you concerning all things**, and
is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will
abide in Him.

James 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of
wickedness, and receive with meekness **the implanted word**,
which is able to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

24 for he **observes himself**, goes away, **and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.**

It is a Spirit thing that happens in our Spirit. We must guard against our carnal mind trying to control things instead put on the mind of Christ. *Revelation knowledge* is fulfilling, insightful, excitement, peaceful, satisfying to the soul, settles, confirms, affirms, brings a sweetness and tenderness, is not threatened, not insecure, but finds rest...**it is a growing knowing...**

FAITH MUST BE OWNED!

Faith must be owned. Revelation knowledge must be personal from God to us. If we don't own it we can be shaken and moved from it. **Salvation is something I trust all of us own.** We would not be moved from it by anyone or anything...we would remain steadfast...so it must be with everything we know of the Word of God. We can receive from God through someone else's faith and revelation; however **it will not be rooted and grounded in us if we don't own it.** My faith must be from my relationship to God and His Word. I will fade, lose heart, lose enthusiasm, if I base my faith upon someone else's understandings of God. **Everything we really know in our knower comes from our relationship to God.** The Holy Spirit bears witness within our spirit and when we are convinced with no doubts, **grace is established in our hearts.**

These verses speak about the Word of God being deeply rooted in us so that we are not moved from it when trials, persecutions, failure, struggle, and temptations come:

Eph 3:17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, **being rooted and grounded in love,**

Col 2:7 **rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith,** as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Heb 13:9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. **For it is good that the heart be established by grace...**

Mr 4:6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and **because it had no root, it withered away.**

Mr 4:17 And **have no root in themselves,** and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

FAITH MUST HAVE DEEP ROOTS!

Roots must be growing in our heart concerning the promises of God. Meditation and focus, imagination, abiding, all of these things provide the Word of God opportunity to be planted in our heart. Seed, time, and harvest takes the word of God we believe, we are convinced about, and grows it so that we find ourselves believing believers!

Nothing in this world will stand the storms of life if it doesn't have deep roots. Roots that penetrate our heart are what will keep our heart when persecution, tribulations, storms, doubts, fears, contrary circumstances, and symptoms come our way.

FAITH IS NOT SHAKEN

If we can be moved, shaken, made to give up, it is because we don't own it. We are not convinced. **We are not established in grace.** *Revelation knowledge* is the by-product of our relationship to the Word.

Knowing about something, knowing the facts of something, does not mean we are planted and have deep roots. We can believe God wants to provide for us but **if we are not focused** upon the promises, if we can be swayed, knock off our believing, it is because we are not abiding, rooted, and fully convinced so that our knower knows.

NOT BY FEELINGS BUT BY FAITH

Feelings are not the basis of faith. Feelings can accompany faith but faith is established in the Word regardless of feelings. I may not feel especially saved right now but nevertheless I am saved as much now as when I feel very much saved.

Feelings are attached to thoughts, thoughts are attached to values, values are attached to meditations, and meditations are attached in the heart. What we value we think about. Feelings become fickle because our heart is filled with conflicting value in different beliefs. Our feelings become indicators of what we've been meditating upon.

FAITH KNOWS THAT WE KNOW

We walk by faith, by knowing, that we know, in the grace of God, that is established in the Word of God we know...Not know about, not heard before, not believe is true, **but actually have intermingled in and had revelation with**, that the **Holy Spirit has borne** in our heart.

When we know, when we are convinced, when we have received true revelation, we will not be moved, not give in, not give up, nor be shaken...this is the work of the Holy Spirit to bear witness within our spirit that the Word is true...

I am convinced of my salvation. I am convinced that Jesus is in me. I am convinced of the authority, power, and deliverance of the name of Jesus. I am convinced we are commissioned to preach and heal...**nothing will ever sway me from that...this was not the work of mind over matter**, it was not the work of memorization, it was not from having all the right answers...**it is the work of the Word of God mixed with faith and the Holy Spirit yielding the increase.** I can't make myself believe. I can't make myself have faith. I can't make myself not doubt or increase my believing...**I can** provide God's Word and Spirit to root and

grow in me by planting it through being convinced, by meditating upon it thus watering it, by imagining God's Will done in my life, thus empowering it in my heart, by focusing, considering, pondering, seeing, **I allow** the word to work and increase in presence, power, and faith. I can take no credit whatsoever for the results of having faith, it is a gift to me, It is my responsibility to keep "the yuck" out and allow the word first place in my heart. **The work I do is gate keeping, focusing, meditating, and abiding...the change, the faith, the power, the results are God's works in me.**

THE QUESTIONS I ASK REVEAL MY HEART'S CONDITION

I can measure my own confidence by the kinds of questions I'm asking. The questions indicate where my heart is. If I'm questioning the very heart of God's promise as applying today or to someone I love, I'm questioning God's Word...***I'm actually in a state of unbelief***...I can tell where my heart is when I'm asking the right questions. That means I actually do believe and I'm not re-examining the foundation of my faith again...**I'm moving onto that which is hindering, holding up, stopping the flow of God's Word instead of questioning God's Word itself.**

I CAN LOCATE MY HEART BY MY WORDS

I can locate myself by the words of my mouth. For out of the abundance of the heart our mouths speak (Luke 6:45). If my first inclination is fear, worry, anxiety, then I know where my heart is...If my first words are words of doubt, unbelief, skepticism, I can locate my heart...If my words speak of natural things, natural solutions, natural answers, etc...then I can locate my heart...

If I cave quickly, if I give in readily, if my first inclination is to run for help, seek others and not proclaim God's Word, I'm trusting natural things...I can locate my heart. If I am convinced, knowing, steadfast, I will not give in, cave, or turn away...I am convinced, my heart is steadfast oh God! I can locate my heart...

I can't be speaking, thinking, acting, as a natural man and then expect to stand in supernatural provisions...

MANY PROCLAIM FAITHFULNESS BUT REALITY SHOWS IT

Many of us may proclaim our faith, what we believe, what we think we have established in our hearts, **but the real status manifests in this world.** Where the tire meets the road, when push comes to shove, when reality meets fiction, **what kind of fruit does my life reflect?** Is it natural or supernatural? I'm I receiving God's power or walking in human power?

I remember hearing the answer to a survey addressing the amount of time fathers actually spent face to face with their children. The father's answer was something like a half an hour a day...but when the study of actual time was performed the real answer was 30 to 40 seconds up to several minutes a day!

Like coming across someone's garden **we can all see what was planted.** We can all see the effort or work or attention it was given by the results in front of us. We don't have to be present when the work is done; we only have to recognize what the results are to know what's been done.

Likewise, to be rooted and grounded in God's Word, for our faith knowing to become greater and our unbelief smaller, we don't have to be around when the work is done, **we can see by the results what genuine work was affective.** God wants us to realize that our efforts to be established in grace through faith takes time. Seed, Time, and harvest, there is no other way about it. It may take changing our efforts to plant God's Word into our lives, effort to water the seed, effort to weed out lies, fears, and unbelief, but the results speak for

themselves...**there is no short cut to spiritual vitality is comes from the Word of God and abiding in His Spirit.**

SEED, TIME, AND HARVEST—DEEP ROOTS TAKE TIME

Consider this example...there are certain types of plants that before you see anything growing on the surface, spread out roots below ground in greater size. The plants that sprout up quickly often are easily toppled by storms, easily uprooted; it's the strong plants, bushes, and trees that sprout deep and wide in greater portion than what is visible. Once for example a certain bamboo plant germinates, it takes it four years to root into the ground before it begins to grow above ground. Once established it can grow 18 feet in months. What seemed to not be working, suddenly once established works quickly, powerfully, consistently...

BE ENCOURAGED

Do not grow weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap as this verse assures us:

Ga 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

If we have begun to understand genuine faith, we have received answers, miracles, healing, but now have stymied, do not give up, give in, cave, grow faint, but press on, the trials, persecutions, even defeat are only there to knock you off your faith. It is coming to deter you from faith. It is coming to stop your faith; but press on, forget the things that are behind, **fix your eyes on the truth and let the Word implanted produce a thirty fold, sixty fold, and hundred fold return.** Amen.