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COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

Do We Really LOVE to Know God's Word? Colossians 2:2

Understanding בִּינָה. binah

A biblical concept often related to how we put things together in our head. The Bible speaks of two categories of understanding: human and divine. The human is limited and finite and often wrong.

Knowledge (information + biblical framework) מַקָּעַ *mad'a* "Knowledge, science, thought."

Wisdom (skillful application) הְכְמָה *hokmah* Colossians 2:1, "For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh," Colossians 2:2, "that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ," Colossians 2:2, "that their hearts <u>may be encouraged</u>, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,"

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Rom. 11:33, "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!"

Eph. 3:8, "To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,"

Ephesians 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,"

2 Peter 1:3, "as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

2 Peter 1:4, "by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." Colossians 2:2, "that their hearts may be encouraged, by being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the <u>full assurance</u> of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,"

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Παρισύνεσις súnesis;

 $\pi\lambda$ oũ wealt some understand."

used gen for and b All of the wealth derived from the full assurance of what we understand.

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Eph. 1:18, "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,"

Eph. 2:7, "that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Ephesians 4:32, "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

John 14:15, "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

John 14:21, "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

John 14:23, "Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

John 14:24, "'He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.'" John 15:10, "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."

John 15:12, "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

1 John 3:10, "In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

1 John 3:11, "For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,"

1 John 3:14, "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in [temporal/carnal] death." Do we really love the Word? Really?