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THE CROSS AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

GOD'S CHILDREN

Hebrews 2:10-13 (Amplified) For it was an act worthy [of God] and fitting [to the divine nature] that He, for Whose sake and by Whom all things have their existence, in bringing many sons into glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect [should bring to maturity the human experience necessary to be perfectly equipped for His office as High Priest] through suffering. For both He Who sanctifies [making men holy] and those who are sanctified all have one [Father]. For this reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren. For He says, I will declare Your [the Father's] name to My brethren; in the midst of the [worshiping] congregation I will sing hymns of praise to You. And again He says, My trust and assured reliance and confident hope shall be fixed in Him. And yet again, Here I am, I and the children whom God has given Me.

This talks about Jesus, Who is talking about Himself. He talks to God the Father and says that He and the children that God has given Him are standing in the church. There will be a day when He appears in the church visibly and we will see Him. Through the sufferings of the cross, He can now say that we are the children that God has given Him. He was able to say it because of the suffering unto death on the cross. The crucified Christ could say it.

Hebrews 2:14-18 (Amplified) Since, therefore, [these His] children share in flesh and blood [in the physical nature of human beings], He [Himself] in a similar manner partook of the same [nature], that by [going through] death He might bring to nought and make of no effect him who had the power of death - that is, the devil. And also that He might deliver and completely set free all those who through the [haunting] fear of death were held in bondage throughout the whole course of their lives. For, as we all know, He [Christ] did not take hold of angels [the fallen angels, to give them a helping and delivering hand], but He did take hold of [the fallen] descendants of Abraham [to reach out to them a helping and delivering hand]. So it is evident that it was essential that He be made like His brethren in every respect, in order that He might become a merciful (sympathetic) and faithful High Priest in the things related to God, to make atonement and propitiation for the people's sins. For because He Himself [in His humanity] has suffered in being tempted (tested and tried), He is able [immediately] to run to the cry of (assist, relieve) those who are being tempted and tested and tried [and who therefore are being exposed to suffering].



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Jesus came through death and suffering on the cross and took hold of the children that God gave Him to make them children. The children are flesh and blood. There is something in being a child of God and the cross. The cross brings a complete salvation from fear and the devil. Jesus took complete hold of us so that we can be in the presence of God. Jesus is now standing in the church and calls us brethren. He is not ashamed to call us children. We must understand what happened on the cross.

WISDOM IS A SHE

Luke 7:35 (Amplified) Yet WISDOM is vindicated (shown to be true and divine) by all HER children [by their life, character, and deeds].

Luke 7:35 (KJV) But WISDOM is justified of all HER children.

Jesus reveres to Himself in this scripture. He says that when He came the people said that He was a winebibber and a friend of sinners, but He refers to Himself as Wisdom. In wisdom He refers to the feminine. Christ justified us and made us holy. He set us free completely. Wisdom has justified us. Wisdom now talks about her children. Jesus says when He talks about His children, He talks about her, but when He refers to them in another sense, He talks about His brethren. He is not ashamed to call us brethren, but when He speaks to God about the children that God gave Him, He talks about the feminine side. In Proverbs God refers to wisdom in the feminine sense. It talks about Jesus.

EL SHADDAI

God has a lot of names. He is called Jehovah Jirah, our Provider. He is Jehovah Shalom, our Peace. He is Jehovah Raphah, our Healer. He is Adonai and the Creator of heaven and the earth. He has a lot of names. His name is also El Shaddai. It means the God that is more than enough. Whatever you want or need, God says that He is more than that. God does not only want you healed from a disease, but He wants you totally well. He does not only want you delivered, but totally free. God wants us totally justified and righteous. El Shaddai is also the feminine side of God. In the Hebrew God it means the many breasted One. It talks about "her" and "she". God provides more than what you can think or pray for in the feminine gender. God is the many breasted One meaning that He can feed you all at the same time.



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WISDOM IN THE CROSS

1 Corinthians 1:30 (KJV) But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us WISDOM and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption...

1 Corinthians 1:18 (KJV) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the POWER OF GOD.

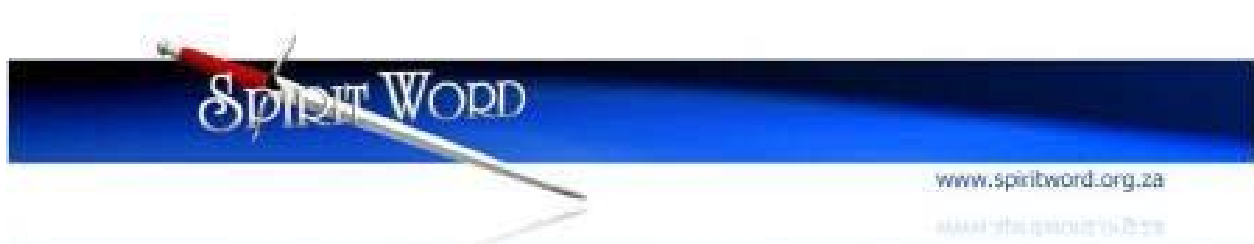
The crucified Christ is to us power of God. To them that perish, it is foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:19-21 (KJV) For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where [is] the wise? Where [is] the scribe? Where [is] the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

John 1:11 says God came to His own and they did not receive Him. God brought Christ into the world by His Wisdom. By the wisdom that the world had, they did not receive the Christ. The foolishness of preaching of the cross of the Christ saved those that believed.

! Corinthians 1:22 (KJV) For the Jews require a SIGN, and the Greeks seek after wisdom...

The Jews were continually seeking for a sign from God. They saw Jesus multiplied the bread and turned around and seek for a sign. They said that Moses gave them the bread from heaven, but Jesus said that the bread in the desert did not come from Moses, but from His Father. He then said that He was the bread that comes down from heaven. That was God's Wisdom that talked to them, but they did not receive it. The world's wisdom could not understand that He could say that He would die.



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1 Corinthians 1:23-25 (KJV) But we preach CHRIST CRUCIFIED, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness. But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is WISER THAN MEN; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

2 Corinthians 2:1,2 (Amplified) AS FOR myself, brethren, when I came to you, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony and evidence or mystery and secret of God [concerning what He has done through Christ for the salvation of men] in lofty words of eloquence or human philosophy and wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing (to be acquainted with nothing, to make a display of the knowledge of nothing, and to be conscious of nothing) among you except Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and Him crucified.

2 Corinthians 2:1,2 (KJV) And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save JESUS CHRIST and HIM CRUCIFIED.

Paul was a learned man and could speak with excellency of words. The power and the wisdom that he had came from preaching the crucified Christ. We must learn what the crucified Christ means.

2 Corinthians 2:3-6(a) (KJV) And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching [was] not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are PERFECT...

Paul says in three epistles that we must be perfect. Then he keeps on talking to perfect people. We all struggle to be perfect. Wisdom speaks to perfect people, but you've got to understand what that Wisdom is. We try to be perfect after worldly wisdom and not after the Wisdom of God. When God calls us perfect, He speaks His Wisdom to us.

2 Corinthians 2:6 (KJV) Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to NOUGHT...



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The princes of the world are revering to principalities and the devil, but they are brought to nothing. Hebrews 2 says that Jesus brought to nothing the one that had the power over death. There is a worldly power that was with worldly wisdom, but they were brought to nothing. We were in bondage because of that, but Christ set us free when He nullified them on the cross. Now He could stand up and say that He is here with the children God gave Him. Wisdom will be justified by her children. The crucifixion was wisdom and the justification comes in the acceptance of that sacrifice without reasoning it out. Everything revolves around the Christ that was crucified and that is the justification.

2 Corinthians 2:7 (KJV) But we speak the wisdom of God in a MYSTERY, [even] the hidden [WISDOM], which God ordained before the world unto our glory...

Christ was crucified before the foundation of the world and was foreordained for it.

2 Corinthians 2:8 (KJV) Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known [it], they would not have CRUCIFIED the Lord of glory.

God wants to give us more than enough, because Wisdom is justified by her children. The wisdom and power of God is the Christ that was crucified. If the princes knew that wisdom, they would not crucify the LORD. In the crucifixion, the more than enough is about to hit the children. If you can justify the cross and make it the only word of wisdom that you speak, you justify the wisdom of God and will have more than enough.

2 Corinthians 2:8,9 (KJV) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the DEEP THINGS of God.

Oh, the depth of the riches and the wisdom of the glory of God. It is all ours, but the children have to justify the Wisdom.

ON THE CROSS HIS LEFT HAND AND HIS RIGHT HAND

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John 3:16 says for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:14 says that as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up. God proved His love for the world in giving His Son. He was lifted on the cross. The great love of God is proven in the fact that He laid down His life for His friends. The power and the wisdom of God are summed up in the word that God so loved the world.

Proverbs 3:12-16 (Amplified) Happy (blessed, fortunate, enviable) is the man who finds skillful and godly Wisdom, and the man who gets understanding [drawing it forth from God's Word and life's experiences]. For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver, and the profit of it better than fine gold. Skillful and godly Wisdom is more precious than rubies; and nothing you can wish for is to be compared to her. Length of days is in HER RIGHT HAND, and in HER LEFT HAND are riches and honor.

El Shaddai is the feminine part of God and it means the many breasted One. It means more than enough. The Wisdom and the Power of God is the crucified Christ. Blessed is the man that finds the godly wisdom. If you find it, in the right hand is length of days and in the left are riches and honor. It is the hands of Jesus that was stretched out on the cross and nailed on the cross. God wants to provide more than enough and it is all in the cross. That is why Paul says that he wants to know nothing and talk nothing but the cross of Jesus Christ. It is the Wisdom and the Power of God. It is spoken to the perfect people. Now we can understand the table of the LORD.

JUSTIFY THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS

1 Corinthians 11:23,24 (Amplified) For I received from the Lord Himself that which I passed on to you [it was given to me personally], that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was treacherously delivered up and while His betrayal was in progress took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke [it] and said, Take, eat. This is My body, which is broken for you. Do this to call Me [affectionately] to remembrance.

Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and give thanks. There is a mystery behind the bread that is broken that is the body of the LORD Jesus Christ. It is a mystery because it is the Wisdom of God and if you reason it out, it is no more a mystery. The mystery lies in the fact that you do not reason it out, but justifies it and then you receive more than



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enough. People got healed by eating the bread. They justified the wisdom and not reasoned it out. They received more than enough.

1 Corinthians 11:25,26 (Amplified) Similarly when supper was ended, He took the cup also, saying, This cup is the new covenant [ratified and established] in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink [it], to call Me [affectionately] to remembrance. For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are representing and signifying and proclaiming the FACT of the Lord's death until He comes [again].

When you justify something, you do not reason it out any more. You accept it as it is given. The cup representing and proclaiming the fact of Jesus' death. It is the wisdom and power of God. To justify something also means to state that it is a fact. There is no more reasoning.

1 Corinthians 11:27 (Amplified) So then whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in a way that is UNWORTHY [of Him] will be guilty of [profaning and sinning against] the body and blood of the Lord.

To eat and drink unworthy means that you do not justify the fact of the death of the Christ on the cross.

1 Corinthians 11:28,29 (Amplified) Let a man [thoroughly] examine himself, and [only when he has done] so should he eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discriminating and recognizing with due appreciation that [it is Christ's] body, eats and drinks a sentence (a verdict of judgment) upon himself.

The disciples said that it is a hard word when He told them that they must eat His flesh and drink His Blood. Jesus told them that it is their Life and in the right hand of wisdom is length of days. Jesus came to nullify death.

1 Corinthians 11:30 (Amplified) That [careless and unworthy participation] is the reason many of you are weak and sickly, and quite enough of you have fallen into the sleep of death.



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Justify the Wisdom and receive health, strength, immortality and more than enough. You can justify as flesh and blood the wisdom of God. It is a mystery. No more sickness and death. You do not reason any more. Accept the sacrifice and justify it.

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