

Gospel and Wisdom

Introduction

In study 14 & 15 we turn our attention to the Christian and wisdom, and consider 4 key questions together- *How do I become a wise person? What part does the Bible play in our growth in wisdom? What part does prayer play in our growth in wisdom? How do we know what the will of God is?* We also look briefly at our role as Christians within our society. Thus, whereas in the previous study we discussed our *status* as wise in the sight of God thanks to Jesus, we now turn our attention to our growth in wisdom on a day to day basis.

Study Questions

These questions help you to see clearly what the text is saying.

Read: Read Colossians 1vs3-2vs23

Answer the following questions:

1. What does Paul thank God for regarding the Colossians?

2. How did the Colossians come to be people of faith, hope and love?

3. What does Paul pray for the Colossian Christians?

4. Why does he pray for these things?

Read: Colossians 1vs28-29, 3vs16; 2 Timothy 3vs12-4vs5

Answer the following questions:

1. According to Colossians 1vs28-29, what was the goal of Paul's preaching and teaching? (note the word *perfect* means mature)
2. What enabled the Colossians to teach one another?
3. What are the Holy Scriptures able to do?

Think it Through _____

In the light of what we have learnt from this study, what is required for us to be wise?