

NOT BY SIGHT

Two Kinds Of Knowledge

I. There are two kinds of knowledge: 1) Information 2) Revelation

A. 2 Corinthians 5:1-We know (Get knowledge of) – From where did they get this knowledge about their glorified bodies?

1. You're not going to find this knowledge about your glorified body in a science or health book; You don't come to this conclusion through the study of the laws of physics and natural laws

B. 1 Corinthians 2:6-16-The spirit of God makes a clear distinction that there are two kinds of knowledge

1. 6-Yet not the wisdom of the world – Why would you have to specify? B/c there's two kinds of wisdom (knowledge)
 - a. Wisdom of God-What God knows; The wisdom of the world-Science and learning (Science-Knowledge; The comprehension or understanding of truth or facts by the mind)
 - b. *TLB*-Not the kind that comes from hear on Earth; *NLT*-Not the kind of wisdom that belongs to the world; *TPT*-It's wisdom that didn't originate in this present age; *YLT*-Wisdom not of this age
2. 7-The wisdom of God in a mystery-This wisdom of God is something that is beyond your head or understanding
 - a. Mystery-Not obvious to the understanding; That which is beyond human comprehension
3. 9,10-God can make things known to our heart that we couldn't get with our heads (Revealed-To make known)
 - a. *TLB*-No mere man has ever seen, heard, or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord. But we know about these things because God has sent his Spirit to tell us
4. 12-The spirit of the world (earthly) ministers what the world knows; The spirit of God ministers what God knows
5. 13-What man's wisdom teaches and what the Holy Ghost teaches are not the same
6. 14-The natural man-Sensual-Pertaining to the senses; Governed by the sensuous nature; A man who has given the flesh/senses dominion in his life; Being born again you can regulate your life like a natural man, by your senses
 - a. These things the spirit of God is saying are foolish to this man governed by his senses
 - b. A man that has not been made alive in the spirit can't know these things because they are spiritually discerned and he's dead on the inside; A born again man that governs his live by his senses won't know these things and take hold of them because he's elevated his senses and information above The Spirit and revelation

II. Walking by sight is governing your life by information; Walking by faith is governing your life by revelation

A. Information vs. Revelation

1. Information-Through your 5 physical senses you access this physical world/natural realm; Through those five channels knowledge comes to our intellect called information; It makes sense to our head and complies with reasoning
2. Revelation-Through my spirit I access the realm of the spirit; From the Holy Spirit to my spirit knowledge called revelation comes to my heart; It bypasses my understanding, is beyond reasoning, doesn't make sense to my head, doesn't agree with my senses and so receiving it requires faith (I have to take God at His Word)

B. Pr3:5-Why would He have to tell you this? B/c there are times when your own understanding (discernment, knowledge) will say something different than what the Lord is saying;

1. If it's your own understanding it's a conclusion or knowledge that you came to on your own w/o God-Information
 - a. *CEB*-Your own intelligence; *CEV*-With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgment; *ER*-Trust the Lord completely and don't depend on your own knowledge; *GN*-Never rely on what you think you know
2. Trust in the Lord-Faith comes by hearing; So trust what God says, not what you're head says
 - a. Don't trust your own understanding, knowledge, discernment – Don't trust it
 - b. Information and revelation will not always agree; When they don't agree don't trust information

C. Romans 8:5-The mind of the flesh is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit; It's knowledge without God

III. 2Cor5:1-4-You are a spirit being and therefore you are not confined to just function in the limitations of the flesh

A. You are more than what you see – There’s more to you than what meets the physical eye, you are spirit

1. Scripture calls your describes your body as a house or tent that you live in
 - a. 1,4-Tabernacle-Of the human body, in which the soul dwells as in a tent, and which is taken down at death; 2-House-Of the body as a dwelling place for the spirit; 3-Naked-Of the soul, whose garment is the body, stripped of the body, without a body; 4-Unclothed-To put off the body, the clothing of the soul
2. 4-*We that are in this tabernacle* – Apparently we are not this tabernacle, but we are spirit

B. Your flesh is limited to the confines what it sees and feels and natural reasoning

1. Information based on what you see and feel transmitted to your brain is all your flesh understands and knows
2. As a spirit-being made alive unto God I have access to knowledge of a higher order and can govern my life by it
3. With my body/flesh I access the physical realm and obtain knowledge called information; With my spirit I access the spirit realm and obtain knowledge called revelation that comes from the Spirit of God and bypasses my senses and my head and is transmitted to my spirit

C. 4-When it comes to walking by faith this body can be burdensome (burdensome, heavy in weight, weigh down, depress) because it will endeavor to get you to govern your life by what you see and feel and natural reasoning

1. Your senses and information will scream at you and contradict and argue with revelation or what God is saying
2. The stronger you get in the walk of faith the less of a problem this body will be for you; When what you see and feel carries no weight in your life, then this body will cease to be a burden
3. 4-It’s not that they don’t want a body, they just don’t want this one
 - a. 1Corinthians9:26-As long as you have this body you better learn to keep it under and don’t let it govern your life

IV. When you walk by faith, The word and the spirit is enough, revelation is enough you don’t need to see or feel

A. 2Cor5:5-God gave them His word and His spirit as the guarantee of the promise

1. God’s formed us and fitted us for this body How do we know that? He gave us His word
2. God has given us His spirit as an earnest (Gives promise of something to come, a first payment or deposit giving promise or assurance of full payment)-Romans 8:23
3. They have God’s word and the Holy Spirit as the guarantee; They don’t see or feel anything and sense and reason isn’t telling them that this is true and so; They don’t see or feel the Holy Spirit and yet they believe God has given Him to them and they have Him and He is the guarantee of the promise of their glorified body

B. 6-On the basis of the word and spirit, on the basis of revelation (not on what we see/feel) we are always confident

1. Romans 8:14-The Holy Ghost will bear witness with your spirit that you are what God says you are and so you have the Word and the Spirit and that’s all you need
2. 6-Therefore-Consequently, these things being so; Always-At all times, ever; Confident-Of good courage, of good cheer, bold; 6-Knowing-Understanding
3. 6-We are always confident that we’re going to get these glorified bodies that we’ve never seen or touched, because God who we don’t seen gave us His Word and the advance of His spirit who we don’t seen

C. 7-(We walk by faith and not by sight)

1. Sight and sense and reason and information might tell you to not be confident, but we walk by faith and not by sight
 - a. Nothing in the realm of reasoning, nothing that you see, nothing that you feel would tell you that any of this about getting a glorified body is true
2. V7 is the explanation of this confidence; Their confidence is not coming from something they see or feel; How can you be so confident? Because I have the Word and I walk by faith and not by sight
 - a. Our confidence has it’s basis on the words God has spoke to us NOT on something we see or feel; We don’t need to see anything or feel anything to be confident and to know

- b. 1-We know we have; 6-We're always confident knowing; 8-We are confident – Faith is confidence and conviction Can you be confident when you don't see, when you don't feel, when reasoning says you shouldn't be?
- c. My confidence is based on the things God's said to me NOT based on what I see or feel