

CHARACTERISTICS OF SUPER-GRACE KNOWLEDGE (02)

In our last study, we introduced the third Super-Grace characteristic recorded in (2 Cor.8:7) (pistis, logos, and **gnosis**).

We learned from (Luke 11:52) that gnosis was the “key (ten kleis)” used as a metaphor to teach advancing knowledge in a subject.

We also learned how **gnosis is linked to epignosis** in developing spiritual capacity for advancing knowledge in a specific subject or doctrine.

There is another set of Greek words for knowledge that go with gnosis and epignosis.

- **Ginosko** is gnosis to epignosis learning that takes place from experience (application or hands-on).
- **Epiginosko** is the confidence of the knowledge that comes from experiencing ginosko (illustration).

<p>This lesson will study <u>two additional aspects</u> of the third characteristic of Super-Grace knowledge listed by Paul in (2 Cor.8:7) (gnosis).</p>

1. We will begin by reminding the spiritually advancing church age believer (CAB) that spiritual knowledge comes by the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit both in learning and application of the word of God. (faith cycle) (2 Tim.3:16-17)

Human IQ and Spiritual IQ both work off of gnosis to epignosis in learning. The Natural man (unbeliever) uses it with wisdom of the world (1 Cor.1-2); while the spiritual believer uses it with wisdom of God. (1 Cor.1:18; 2:4-8, 12-16; **3:1-3**).

We will mention four ABCs of the Indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit.

- Two of the eight works of Holy Spirit at salvation: Regeneration (1 Pet.1:3, 23; Titus 3:5-7) and Indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6:19-20; Rom.8:9).
- The Holy Spirit takes up permanent residence in Church Age Believer’s (CAB) body (John 14:16) to teach and recall (hupomimnesko) (Luke 22:60-61) the truth of the Word of God (John 14:26).
- He guides (hodgeo/ to lead the way) and discloses (anangelo) [to announce or declare] all divine truth to the spiritually advancing believer (John 16:13-15; 8:32).
- Carnality hinders the indwelling ministry of Holy Spirit in both learning and application of spiritual knowledge (1 Cor.2:14-16; 3:1-3; 14:10-13, 24-25 (1 John 1:5-10 –“If we say”).

2. Once again we will show how GNOSIS works as spiritual knowledge in each of the four stages of spiritual growth.

- **Stage One** (The spiritually newborn believer) (1 Pet.2:2)
 - The elementary doctrines of salvation
 - (Luke 1:76-77; 2 Tim.2:19; 2 Pet.3:18).

- **Stage Two** (The early spiritual childhood of the believer) (Heb.5:12-13)
 - The advanced elementary doctrines based upon the solid foundation of salvation
 - (Heb.6:1a) [leaving] (1 Cor.3:11; 13:11; Rom.15:20-22; 2 Tim.2:19).

- **Stage Three** (The immature adult believer) (Gal.4:19)
 - (Heb.6:1b) “press on to maturity”
 - The plans of construction of the 3rd and 4th floors of the Edification Complex of the Soul (ECS) (Rom.11:33-36; 15:1, 14 (chs.14-15); 2 Cor.4:6; Eph.4:14-15).

- **Stage Four** (The spiritually mature adult believer) (Heb.5:14; Eph.4:13)
 - The completion of the Edification Complex of the Soul (1 Cor.3:10-12).
 - The believer has reached super-grace status in the Christian Way of Life (CWL). He has moved into the 4th floor pent-house (Col.2:1-3).
 - Now it is a matter of maintenance until dying grace (2 Pet.3:18; 2 Cor.11:6) (2 Tim.1:9-12; 4:6-8).