**Epignosis / Mature Knowledge / Super Knowledge**

Christians cannot have a clear, exact and mature understanding of God unless Jesus Christ reveals it to them. The Greek word translated “reveal” in our text is “apokalupto” and it means “to remove a veil or take off the cover." The noun is “apokalupsis,” which means a “disclosure or revelation.” We say “apocalypse or apocalyptic”. Jesus clearly states that He grants revelation to certain Christians according to His will. He accomplishes this through the Word and the Holy Spirit.

What is this mature knowledge that reveals the hidden things of God? Luke states that he wrote his account of our Lord’s ministry “so that you might know (epiginosko) the exact truth about the things you have been taught” ([Luke 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+1.4&t=NKJV)). The mature knowledge of God and His Son comes from His Word. Paul prays for the faithful at Ephesus . . . “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and of revelation (apokalupsis) in the knowledge (epignosis) of Him” ([Ephesians1:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesian+1.17&t=NKJV)). Wisdom and disclosure comes with this mature knowledge.

Again, Paul prays for the Christians at Philippi . . . “And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge (epignosis) and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ” ([Philippians 1:9-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Philippians+1.9-10&t=NKJV)). This mature knowledge nurtures and grows love (agape). This mature knowledge recognizes the precious things of God. It prepares a Christian for the judgment of His Church and the selection of His bride.

Again, Paul prays for the faithful at Colosse . . . “For this reason also, since the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge (epignosis) of His Will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge (epignosis) of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light” ([Colossians 1:9-12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+1.9-12&t=NKJV)). This mature knowledge gives wisdom and understanding. Without this mature knowledge a Christian cannot enter the narrow way (gate) nor produce good fruit.

This mature knowledge must be active and ever growing. It gives strong roots to the faith and the hope of our honored position in His coming Kingdom. Please note that in all three prayers Paul uses the word “may.” Christ reveals this knowledge only to those who keep seeking, keep asking, and keep knocking. It is for the obedient and faithful disciple. “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge (epignosis) of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge (epignosis) of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence” ([2 Peter 1:2-3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Peter+1.2-3&t=NKJV)). This knowledge given to His faithful provides the means to achieve glorious life in His Kingdom.

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(Aside: One of my mentors, Gary Whipple, no longer with us, defined epignosis as "super knowledge.")