

Identity Theft  
**Our Wisdom**

**I Cor. 1:30**

- Wisdom first IS a Person, then it is *from* that Person

**What is “the Secret Place”?**

Psalms 91:1 *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

Col. 3:2,3 – THIS is identification!

<sup>2</sup> *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.* <sup>3</sup> *For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

**“The Mystery”**

Col. 1:26-28 <sup>26</sup> *the **mystery** which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.* <sup>27</sup> *To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.* <sup>28</sup> **Him we preach**, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

Col. 2:2-3 <sup>2</sup> *that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,* <sup>3</sup> **in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

198X “in Him, in Christ”

Almost no references to “for God” or “for Christ”.

**Biblical Conditions for Wisdom**

**1. Really want it**

Prov. 2:1-6 *My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And **apply your heart** to understanding; Yes, if you **cry out** for discernment, And **lift up your voice** for understanding, If you seek her as **silver**, And search for her **as for hidden treasures**; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;*

**2. Be humble**

Prov. 15:33 *The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, And **before honor is humility.***

**3. Ask**

James 1:5 *But if anyone is deficient in wisdom, he should **ask God**, who gives to all generously and without reprimand, and it will be given to him. (NET)*

**4. Replace fear with faith**

James 1:6 *But let him **ask in faith**, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.*