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## Draw Nigh Unto Me .... Part 95

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### Defaced - Week 87

God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 34

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

When we were children we understood little, for our understanding was limited by being more connected to natural instincts & emotional reactions than knowledge.

We would be attracted to people who fed those instincts for us through outward signs of love, fun, activities, laughter, joy, material or emotional comfort.

On the other hand, we would hold ourselves back from those who seemed to lack any such ability to feed our desires by attracting our attention or affection.

For this was our immaturity borne upon lack of knowledge.

How was one to be wise if lacking understanding, & how could one exercise understanding without first having knowledge?

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things" **1 Corinthians 13:11 KJV**

Growing in knowledge, understanding & wisdom produces maturity manifesting at varying levels throughout the different aspects of our lives.

Maturity & life events can alter our perceptions of certain people, sometimes even totally reversing our assessment of their status in importance to us.

For maturity brings its own challenges, sometimes shifting our needs to places where the only resolve can be found in accepting guidance or help from unanticipated sources.

One instance being when the once despised sober & quiet wisdom of our elders suddenly becomes desirous for guidance under the weight of the reality of life's trials & tribulations.

Respect for our elders & what they have to teach us is a beginning for wisdom.

For the genuine seeking of knowledge is the key to true understanding & the measure of wisdom we generate from it denotes the level of our maturity, for such is life.

However, if we ever come to telling ourselves we know enough or resign ourselves to simply rely on others knowledge or convince ourselves that we know everything, then we have become unteachable.

For even in life there is always more to learn if we are willing.

### 1 Corinthians 13:12 ISV

**12** Now we see only an indistinct image in a mirror, but then we will be face to face. Now what I know is incomplete, but then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

In essence, Spiritual life is not as dissimilar to our life here as we might imagine.

If you reread the above regarding how we as humans come from immaturity to maturity in this life, you can see that it is but a reflection of the path to walking maturely in the Spirit.

The great difference is that spiritual maturity requires us to no longer seek ours but God's Wisdom, Knowledge & Understanding.

### Proverbs 9:10 KJV

**10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

The ISV 1 Corinthians scripture above tells us that "Now we see only an indistinct image in a mirror," whereas the KJV says "For now we see through a glass, darkly,".

Like looking into a fogged mirror, we see but we do not see clearly, for we see in part only.

### 1 Corinthians 13:9-10 KJV

**9** For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

**10** But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

We the Called, both now in Christ & those gone before us, are the collective Body Corporate of Christ, One Body, One Ministry.

All destined to one day be risen as the Body of Christ to become One with Christ.

To Stand as One with Christ before The Lord God Almighty Our Father in Heaven, the image of the mirror now perfectly distinct, the glass darkly now fully enlightened.

Revealing Christ the Perfect Reflection of God The Father, God The Father the Perfect Reflection of Christ, in the Oneness that is God!

And for the redeemed no longer knowing in part, nor prophesying in part for Perfection has come, True Spiritual Maturity reached together in God's Oneness.

Now fully knowing Christ just as He has fully known us.

### This will be Eternal Life In Christ!

For now, the True Church of Christ is found in the re-enlivened Image of God within the inner hearts of true believers.

For Jesus Alive in us has resurrected our spirit man from death.

The completeness of our being restored in part until the fullness is seen.

Our lives now should be lived knowing that Jesus is at the centre of everything.

All of humankind was made in the Image of God but it is only through willingly accepting Jesus Christ as Lord & Saviour, declaring Him as being the Son of God, that our spirit man is brought to Life again in Christ.

In receiving Him as Lord of our Life we all became children again.

Made to be children of the Spirit, no matter our level of carnal maturity.

For us, in being the corporate Body of Christ, we need to seek ever burgeoning levels of spiritual maturity through the gaining of Spiritual Knowledge, Understanding & Wisdom from God.

A quest that will never end for the mystery of God to us is deep & unfathomable, forever destined to only ever be an indistinct image until that time when we meet face to face.

**For now we have FAITH, HOPE, LOVE.**

**But the greatest of these is LOVE.**

### 1 Corinthians 13:13 ISV

**13** Right now three things remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

All three given to us by God through Emmanuel God With Us.

**For because of Jesus we See Faith, See Hope & See Love.**

**And in God, we will Know Faith, Know Hope & Know Love.**

I truly believe that there is a Divine Simplicity in Christ but we, all of us, continue to fall far short of taking hold of it.

For our personal lives in Christ too often shift in unison with reflections of the fluctuations of life around us.

So where do you see the Church as seen in our world today?

Standing at a level of spiritual maturity indicative of readiness to receive Christ?

I end this message as it began:

"When we were children we understood little, for our understanding was limited by being more connected to natural instincts & emotional reactions than knowledge.

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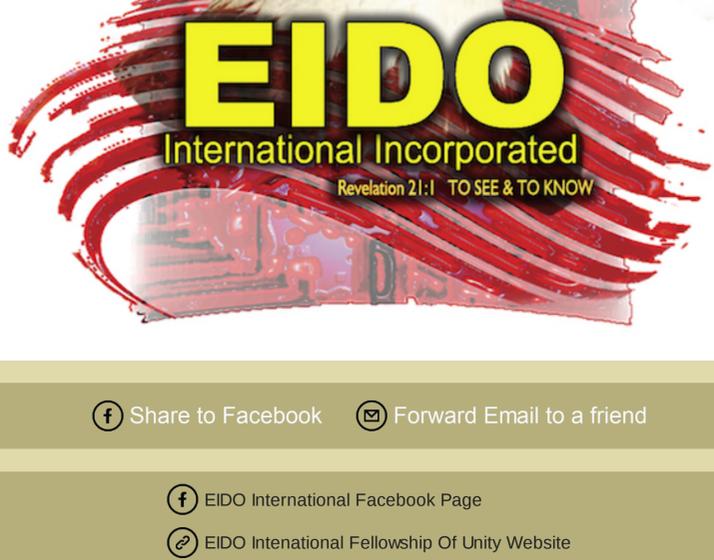
The best barometer to check the state of the Church is to honestly assess our own heart.

**And hope we find that we are truly letting God Love us!**

**Love,  
Mwesigwa**

[Defaced - Week 88 follows next week]

**Your prayers of unity with us for God's Provision are most welcome.**



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