


1. Through REVELATION

- v. 7. "wisdom in *mystery*"
- i.e. Something previously hidden, now revealed
- God reveals his purpose in Jesus and through scripture.



2. By GRACE

- v. 7 "For our glory": the glory of **knowing**.
- Exploring and knowing the universe.



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- v. 7 "For our glory"
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"I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" – John 15: 15.

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- v. 7 *"For our glory".*
- V. 9 *"No eye has seen, no ear has heard..... What God has prepared for those who love him".*
- v. 12 *"What God has freely given us"*



3. In CHRIST.



4. In the context of a LOVE RELATIONSHIP

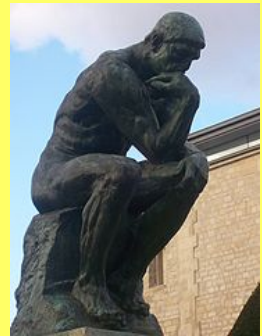
- "For those who love him" – v. 9
- Theology as prayer
- Spirituality is not all about self: it's about relationship with God
- Its heartbeat is love.



5. By the SPIRIT OF GOD

"Who knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way, nobody knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God"

Verse 11.



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True wisdom and spiritual depth is from God, from beginning to end.

- God's gifts
- Freely given
- Received in Christ
- Discerned by God's Spirit
- In the context of a love relationship
- Expressed in words taught by the Spirit

5. By the SPIRIT OF GOD

- The Holy Spirit enables us to get things **out of** God
 - Gifts
 - Works of power
 - Fruit



- The Holy Spirit above all helps us go deeper **into** God.

- Access to the Father
- Confidence in God as Father
- Searching the depths of God's heart and mind
- Giving us the mind of Christ

