

Taking Time To Wait On God 4347

I. All Things Under The Feet Of Jesus (Eph. 1:22–23)

- A. Head over all things (Eph. 4:15–16)
- B. Whole body depends on head:
 - 1. To nourish
 - 2. For growth
 - 3. To function effectively
- C. Keep connected to head (Col. 2:18–19)
- D. Four functions of the head
 - 1. Receive input
 - 2. Make decisions
 - 3. Initiate action. *Key word:* Initiative
 - 4. Coordinate activity of members
- E. Effective only through the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:17; relate with John 16:12–15)
 - 1. The Holy Spirit will guide into all truth
 - 2. The Holy Spirit is a person
 - 3. Direction concerns the future
 - 4. The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus
 - 5. Sons of God = led regularly by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14)
 - 6. The Holy Spirit is Lord (God = Jehovah) (2 Cor. 3:17)
 - 7. God indwells by the Holy Spirit—the only way to contact God (Eph. 2:18, 22)

II. The Issue Of Initiative

- A. God chooses (John 15:16)
 - 1. Only what God chooses produces enduring fruit
 - 2. Effective prayers proceed from God
- B. Initiative proceeded from God through the Holy Spirit
 - 1. Acts 1:21–25—God chose the 12th disciple
 - 2. Acts 13:1–3—God chose apostles
 - 3. Acts 14:26—They completed what God initiated. We have the mind of Christ—not a single individual, but the body as a whole (1 Cor. 2:16)
- C. Wait *not* work
 - 1. Two things we are required to do (1 Thess. 1:9–10):
 - a. To serve
 - b. To wait
 - 2. God acts on behalf of those who wait for Him (Is. 64:6)
 - 3. Confess faults one to another (James 5:16)
 - 4. Iniquity separates us from God (Is. 59:1–2)
 - 5. 1 John 1:7
 - a. Blood only cleanses in the light
 - b. Out of fellowship, out of the light

III. Practical Outworking (Pictured in letter from Johannes Facius 9/92)

- A. Sit at His feet
- B. Behold His glory—be transformed into His image
- C. The vertical way—look at situations through the face of Jesus
- D. Falling in love with Jesus—yielding to Him