



That We Might Know Him

Ephesians 1:15-23

I. Focus Of Paul's Prayer

- Wanted his converts to enjoy the blessings
- Not material things but spiritual perception and real Christian character
- Ask God not for new revelation but to reveal to them what they already have

A. Enlightenment comes from the Holy Spirit

- He is the Spirit of wisdom
- Isaiah 11:2, John 14:25-26, John 16:12-14
- He gives the power – enablement to practice truth
- Eph. 3:14-21



B. Enlightenment comes to the heart of the believer - Eph.1:18

- The “heart” = the inner man (emotions, mind and will)
- Inner man can see – Ps 119:18, Jn 3:3
- Can hear – Matt 13:9, Heb 5:11
- Can taste – Ps 34:8, I Peter 2:3
- Can smell – Phil 4:18, 2Cor 2:14
- Can touch – Acts 17:27

II. Four Requests Of Paul's Prayer

A. That they might know God – 1:17b

- To know God personally is SALVATION
- John 17:3
- To know God increasingly is SANCTIFICATION
- Phil 3:10
- To know God perfectly is GLORIFICATION
- I Cor 13:9-12

B. That we might know God's calling – 1:18a

- 2 Tim 1:9 – called to a holy life
- 1 Peter 5:10 – called to his eternal glory
- Eph 4:4 – called to one hope
- Hope – carries the “assurance of the future”
- The return of Christ for His church
- 1 Thess 4:13-18, 1 John 3:1-3

C. That we might know God's riches/inheritance

- We has become an inheritance
- We are the riches – we are part of God's wealth
- God will get the glory from the church
- God deals with us on the basis of our future and not our past
- Example: Gideon, Simon Peter



D. That we might know God's power – 19-23

1. It's a mighty power

2. It's a resurrection/ascension power

3. It's a supreme power carried out by the Son

III. The Foundation For The Church

- Christ is the Head
- Believers – church – we are the body
- Living connection between us and Christ
- Through the Spirit, we are united to Him as members of the body
- We share His resurrection, ascension and exaltation
- Ephesians 2:6