

OPEN OUR EYES, LORD, THAT WE MAY KNOW YOU

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

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I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.

Ephesians 1:18

GOD'S SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS GIVEN TO ALL BELIEVERS

1. He chose us before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless (v. 4).
2. Adoption as His children (v. 5).
3. His glorious grace, given to us in Christ (v. 6).
4. Redemption through His blood (v. 7).
5. Forgiveness of sins (v. 7).
6. Riches of His grace (vv. 7-8).
7. He made known to us the mystery of His will (v. 9).
8. The indwelling Holy Spirit (v. 13).
9. Inheritance in Heaven (v. 14).
10. Being God's very own possession (v. 14).

TWO MARKS OF A TRUE BELIEVER

1. _____ in the Lord Jesus (v. 15).
2. _____ for fellow believers (v. 15; cf. 1 Jn. 2:9-11).

PAUL'S PRIMARY PRAYER FOR BELIEVERS

★ God would give His _____ (v. 17) to _____ the hearts of God's people (v.18).

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THIS PRAYER?

★ To _____ God better (v. 17).

- Knowing _____ God, and _____ God are two different things.
- In order to truly know God, He must come to be known both...

- _____, and
- _____.

"What matters supremely...is not...the fact that I know God, but the larger fact that underlies it – the fact that **HE KNOWS ME.**"

~ J.I. Packer ~

TO KNOW GOD BETTER IS TO...(1:18-19)

1. TO KNOW the _____ to which you have been called.

"Christians live **from** their future, not sitting around waiting **for** their future."

2. TO KNOW the riches of His glorious _____.
3. TO KNOW His incomparably great _____.

WHAT CAN BE DEFEATED THROUGH THIS GREAT POWER?

- The _____ (Jn. 16:23; 1 Jn. 5:4).
- The _____ (Rom. 8:1-13; 13:14).
- The _____ (1 Pet. 5:7-8; Eph. 6:11).
- _____ itself (v. 20; 1 Cor. 15:52-57).

★ WHAT MUST THE BELIEVER DO? _____