

Ephesians 1:15-23
"Knowledge is Power" -Part 2

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In Ephesians 1:15-23 Pastor Paul prays that God would help Christians grow in their understanding of their spiritual resources in Christ. We need to grow in this way too.

I. We need to grow in the knowledge of our Maker (1:17)
"the knowledge of Him"

II. We need to grow in the knowledge of our Mission (1:18)
"the hope of His calling"

A. In this life—(Why am I here?)

- 1) God calls us to be saved
- 2) God calls us to be productive (Matthew 25:14)
- 3) God calls us to accountability (Hebrews 10:23-25, 13:17)
- 4) God calls us to serve Him (1 Peter 4:10)

B. In the next life —(what will we do in heaven?)
"the glory of His inheritance"

- 1) We will get an inheritance from God (1:11).
- 2) We are God's inheritance (1:18)
 - a. He owns us
 - b. He considers us precious (Psalm 116:15)
"we aren't filthy rags!" (Isaiah 64:6)

III. We need to grow in the knowledge of our might (1:19)
"the surpassing greatness of His power".

A. Personal power—"for us who believe" (1:19)

B. Supernatural power—"He raised Him from the dead" (1:20)

C. Supreme power—"far above all rule" (1:21)

D. Lasting power—"not only in this age" (1:21)