

*A View from  
Heavenly Places*

Part 2

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

# Introduction

- **Vs. 1-14**, Paul describes the spiritual riches found in Christ
- **Vs. 15-16**, *“Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers”*
  - **Vs. 15**, Recognizes his faith & love for them
  - **Vs. 16**, Mentions his thanks for the church

**Expresses His Concerns for The Church**

# Might Know God

- **Vs. 17, “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him”**
- **Knowing God is of utmost importance**
  - More important than wisdom, **Jer. 9:23-24**
  - Failure to know God leads to eternal death
    - **2 Thess. 1:7-9, “the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ”**

# Might Know God, CONT.

- **Vs. 17, “the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him”**
- Knowledge of God comes by a spirit of wisdom and revelation
  - **THEN**, Apostles guided in all truth by HS
    - **John 16:13, “the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth”**
  - **NOW**, We have the full revelation, **Eph. 3:3-4**

# Know the Hope of God's Calling

- **Vs. 18, “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints”**
- **In Christ, we have been “Called” by God**
  - **2 Thes. 2:14, “he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus”**
  - **1 Thes. 2:12, “called you unto his kingdom”**
  - **1 Pet. 2:9, “ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light”**

# Hope of God's Calling, CONT.

- **Vs. 18, “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints”**
- **Paul's Desire: Know the hope of this calling and Know the riches**
- **Hope: Desire with expectation**
  - What is the expectant desire of this calling?
    - **Vs. 4, “Be Holy”, “Be without blame”**
    - **Vs. 5, “be adoptive children of Jesus”**
    - **Vs. 11, “to obtain the inheritance”**

# Know God's Power.

- **Vs. 19, “the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,**
- **Example of God's Power**
  - Dead in sin, made alive, raised up, **Eph. 2:1-6**
  - Spiritually dead, made alive, **Col. 1:12-13**
- **Not a simple matter**
  - As Jesus said when he raised the paralytic, “Which is easier...?”, **Matthew 9:2-8 (vs. 5)**

# Know God's Power

- Through God's Spirit in the inner man we can be ***“strengthened with might”***. **Eph. 3:16**
- We are ***“renewed”*** by the Spirit upon our baptism for remission of sins, **John 3:5**
- We are strengthened by the Spirit in our daily battles against sin, **Rom. 8:12-13**
- Paul charges the Ephesians to stand strong in this power, **Eph. 6:10,**
  - By putting on the armour of God, **Eph. 6:11-18**

# The Exaltation of Christ

- **Ephesians 1:20**, *“Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places”*
  - **Verses showing Jesus at God’s right hand**
    - **Mark 16:19**, *“received into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.”*
    - **Acts 2:33**, *“Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God”*
    - **Heb. 1:3**, *“Sat down at the right hand of God”*
    - **Heb. 10:12; Hebrews 12:2; Col. 3:1; Acts 7:55**

# The Exaltation of Christ

- **Ephesians 1:21-23**, *Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”*

## *What else can be said...*

- **Matthew 28:18**, *Jesus himself said, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth”*

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