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The Mystery of Christ in Ephesians

Ephesians 1: 15-23

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[Jesus to Paul] I'm sending you off to open the eyes of the outsiders so they can see the difference between dark and light, and choose light, see the difference between Satan and God, and choose God. I'm sending you off to present my offer of sins forgiven, and a place in the family, inviting them into the company of those who begin real living by believing in me. – Acts 26:18 (MSG)

THE POWER OF SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION (FIVE GIFTS OF SPIRIT-CENTERED PRAYER)

1. We Have A Better Identity

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers – Ephesians 1:15-16 (ESV)

TWO MARKS OF A TRUE SAINT

- i) FAITH IS PRIMARY
- ii) PRACTICE IS NECESSARY

2. We Have A Deeper Perception

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened... – Ephesians 1:17-18 (ESV)

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 (MSG)

3. We Have A Stronger Certainty

¹⁸...that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you... – Ephesians 1:18 (ESV)

Romans 4:18-21

4. We Have A Richer Favor

¹⁸...what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints... – Ephesians 1:18 (ESV)

Colossians 1:12; 1 Peter 1:4; Romans 8:17

5. We Have A Fuller Power

¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ... – Ephesians 1:19-20 (ESV)

Christ's Three-Fold Investiture

²⁰ ...when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.– Ephesians 1:20-23 (ESV)

- Raised From Death
- Seated In Power
- Head Over His Church

I Will Live The Mystery by...

- Memorizing Ephesians 1:18 19
- Making this prayer my own for the next seven days.
- Becoming part of the fullness of the Body of Christ.
- Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

WALK THE TALK

A Growth Group Guide

1. What is the most memorable prayer you enjoyed from someone and why do you think it stuck with you?
2. How does Paul's prayer lift us above the "me-centered" prayers we tend to pray? Why is that so important for us to grow up in Christ?
3. Of the five points under "The Power of Spiritual Perception," which one touched you the most? Why? Which one challenged you the most? Explain.
4. Why do you think Paul spent so much time developing his last point about power (he used up more ink on this than anything)? How does the Bible help us find a way to tap into this kind of power? (For a clue, read Acts 2:1-4 and Ephesians 5:18-20)
5. What do you think you specifically need to do this week to start "living the mystery of Christ" out?