

Ephesians 1:15-23 Blessed in Christ

V.16 Paul prays 2 things for them:

a. **V.17** God's gift of the spirit of wisdom and revelation **to supernaturally know Him better**. Everything we need for life 2 Peter 1:3 is through our knowledge of him.

b. **V.18-19** The **eyes of your heart might be super naturally enlightened** to 3 things:

i. **the hope** of what he's called us to:

1. My calling to fulfill and find meaning and satisfaction in living out life as a child of God.
2. Glorious resurrection and eternal future with him as a child of God.

ii. **The riches of his inheritance**. Eph. 2:7. Not only his presence but his inheritance.

iii. **V.19 his immeasurably great power** to do what he promises. 3 power words, dunamis, energeia (working) and kratos which means that no matter what happens, I can stand firm in the shadow of the almighty.

It's a good pattern for praying for others. For the believer, prayer is less about requesting strength or power and more about accessing the power they already possess. Parents, start with your family. Send an email to Prayer@feathersoundchurch.com with a verse so we can pray for each other. If you don't have one use Eph. 1:18-19!

Grow Group Questions:

1. What are the implications of knowing:
 - a. The certain hope that He has a calling/purpose for me and that eternity in His presence is a sealed guarantee? (How does that change how I live my life?)
 - b. The wealth of His inheritance? (That the God who made and owns everything is on my side and for me?)
 - c. The immeasurably great power of a personal God (he is absolutely in control over every situation)?
2. Why do you think these are not naturally revealed but only supernaturally?
3. We started off talking about knowing "Who I am" as important, but even more important is knowing "whose I am". In light of Ephes.1:23, how does it change my life realizing that I belong to the one who has been placed above every dominion, power and spiritual authority?
4. Spend a few minutes praying these three things for each other.

Announcements 3/10:

- **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** - 3/31 at 6:30am at the Feather Sound Country Club followed by baptisms. If you would like to be baptized, sign up at feathersoundchurch.com/baptism
- **EASTER SUNDAY** - 3/31 - Services at 9am and 11am. This is a separate and distinct message from the Sunrise Service so come and join us!
- **Family Camp "Know Before You Go" Meetings:** Today! Right after each service in the Grow Room in Fellowship Hall - FAMILY CAMP IS THIS WEEK ON 3/14-3/16!
- **Church Clean-Up Day** - 3/16 from 9am to 12pm - Come for an hour or the whole time! Any and all help is welcome and appreciated!
- **Breakfast for Life** - 3/23 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall - Register at tampabayprolife.org
- **GriefShare New Session** - Starting on 3/26 at 6pm on how to Biblically heal from the loss of a loved one. Register at feathersoundchurch.com/griefshare