Knowing God and Growing in your relationship Ephesians 1;15-23 pt. 2

God saves us with a purpose that requires <u>prayer</u> for its fulfillment.

Knowing God involves knowledge and power.

3 things Christians do after they are <u>saved</u>:

- 1. Grow in faith by growing in your knowledge of God
- 2. Focus on your future riches and inheritance in Christ
- 3. Depend <u>daily</u> on the power of God

Knowing God is a matter of grace.

Knowing God and the power of Christ's resurrection is a matter of time.

Spending time with God is more than learning <u>information</u> about God, it is intentional and relational.

Knowing God involves <u>understanding</u> his heart, purpose, goals, plans, and motivations.

Prayer is talking with God.

- 1. Prayer is acceptable to God only in Jesus' name
- 2. The Holy Spirit helps believers pray
- 3. We should pray for answers that <u>fit</u> with who God is, what He has done, and what He has said.
- 4. Prayer is a new <u>desire</u> for the believer, but also something we have to <u>learn</u> to do.
- 5. Jesus gave us an <u>example</u> of how to pray
- 6. Praying the Bible means we never run out of things to say to God.

Knowing God and the power of Christ's resurrection is a matter of time.

This week:

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- 1. Determine the time and place you are going to spend with God each day.
- 2. Have a <u>plan</u> for your time with Him.
- 3. Take time to hear from Him
- 4. Take time to talk to Him
- 5. Spend a few moments being still in the presence of God
- 6. Remember what he said as you go through your day.