

# The Benefits of the Doctrine

## Resurrection Sunday Series

### ***Part 4: No Excuses***

#### **Ephesians 1:18-20**

“A picture is worth a thousand words”

- The power of imagery in the Bible
- Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians

I. The Basis of Paul’s Prayer (1:18a)

- enlightened to shine, to illuminate

II. The Purpose of Paul’s Prayer (1:18b-19a)

A. The Purposes’ Character (1:18b<sub>1-5</sub>)

- know intelligent comprehension, understanding

B. Purpose One: A Richer Understanding of Our Hope (1:18b<sub>6-12</sub>)

The General Call that gracious invitation to receive the benefits of salvation affected by Christ offered to all men, although not always effectual (Ac. 17:30)

The Effectual Call that act of God whereby He through the use of the general call definitively draws and regenerates those whom He has predestined to adoption as sons (Eph. 1:4-5; Rom. 8:29-30).

- Hope confidence or expectation regarding the future

C. Purpose Two: A Richer Understanding of Our Corporateness (1:18c)

- riches bountiful, overflowing

D. Purpose Three: A Richer Understanding of Our Power (1:19a)

- surpassing to exceed or overpass

III. The Means to Paul’s Prayer (1:19b-20)

A. The Means to Its Experience (1:19b)

- working to operate, produce, or effect
- strength overwhelming power, supremacy
- might capability, power

B. The Illustration of Its Means (1:20)