

God's Power in Action

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Ephesians 1:16-23

Through the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, Paul highlights three blessings that the believers can expect: hope for the future, God's claim on us as His inheritance, and the great power of God Himself at work on our behalf.

“Remembering you in my prayers, that ... the Father of glory, may give you ...”

- ❖ Paul knew that the secret for change and transformation in the lives of the Ephesians was only through prayer.
- ❖ In the natural, we look for things that are tangible to the human mind and human understanding, but the things of God are more than what the physical eye sees, so God gives us the ability to experience His supernatural Kingdom through prayer.
Hebrews 11:6 “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.”
- ❖ We need God's wisdom continually!

“The spirit of wisdom and revelation”

Colossians 1:9 “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,”

- ❖ *“The spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,”* is the gift from God to have an attitude or disposition that desires and receives the character and the will of God.

📖 *1 Kings 3:3-10*

f Identifying our need for God as well as our dependency on God, in prayer, is an expression of humility and is the place where we experience God's power in action!

“In the knowledge of Him”

- ❖ The desire of every believer should be to know more of God in order to understand His character and His will.
- ❖ God desires to reveal His nature and character to His people in a conscious manner that impacts every part of our lives!
Jeremiah 9:23-24 “Thus says the Lord: ‘Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.’”
- ❖ The gift of knowing God enables us to experience His power in immeasurable ways.
Philippians 3:8-10 “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death,”
John 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

➤ Knowledge of Him produces Godly faith.

Philippians 2:13 "for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

f To know God in a personal way is to cultivate a relationship where we move from simply knowing doctrine to the arena where we know and experience God!

➤ Knowledge of Him produces Godly fear.

📖 *Proverbs 2:1-5*

📖 *Isaiah 1:3-4*

📖 *Hosea 4:6*

His Word and His wonders takes us from Godly facts to Godly fear.

➤ Knowledge of Him manifests God's power.

♦ The greatest need for man today is to know God!

♦ We need to know God not only in a personal way but also in a supernatural way!

***"...That you may know what is the hope to which He has called you,
what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,
and the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe,
according to the working of His great might"
Ephesians 1:18-19***

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