

THEREFORE



a study on Ephesians

11 In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory.

13 In Him you also, when you heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His Glory.

Ephesians 1:11-14

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,

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, 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,

19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of His Power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might

20 that he worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far 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.

22 And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the Church,

23 which is His Body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:19-23

INHERITANCE

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you... 1Peter 1:3-4

Our Inheritance:

v.11 – “In Him we have obtained an inheritance...”

v.13-14 – “...the promised Holy Spirit, Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His Glory.”

His Inheritance:

v.18-19 “...the Hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His Power toward us who believe...”

CHURCH – FAITH IN GOD & LOVE OTHERS

“The most important thing about a man is what comes to mind when he thinks about God”

- A.W Tozer

Paul Prays for two things...

- **Wisdom:** Knowledge w/ Experience
- **Revelation:** Divine guidance/inspiration

...In the knowledge of God!

γνῶσις, gnosis – **“Knowledge”**

- Comes from interactive & relational knowledge

DIFFERENCE: KNOWING ABOUT & TRULY KNOWING

Enlightened Hearts – HOPE

elpis (ἐλπίς) – “*Hope*”

DIFFERENT THAN OUR HOPE...

- **WISHING** or **DESIRING**

BIBLICAL HOPE –

- **CONFIDENT EXPECTATION**

**Biblical HOPE - “Assurance & Boldness in
what has not happened yet!”**

THE HEAD & THE BODY

²² And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as Head over all things to the Church,

²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**Jesus Christ is the Head –
Authority & Decision-Making
Leading & Teaching**

**The Church is the Body of Christ –
Submission & Obedience
Following & Learning**

**THE CHURCH IS CHRIST'S
“HEART, HANDS, & FEET”**

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

"Heavenly beings are shocked by God's Church, while many on earth yawn."

- Francis Chan

- Truly get to know God!
- Pray for ways to BE the Body of Christ as a church!
- Pray for other Christians you know, using Paul's prayer as a model!
- Others would seek God in relationship

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