

A Life of Faith- Every Day
Ephesians 1:15-23
How Great is Our God

Question: How is your spiritual eyesight?

“I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you.”
Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)

Main Point: It is time to open our eyes to grasp what God has done through Christ Jesus.

Setting the context:

- Some consider this a response to the doxology of praise and worship in verses 3-14. Others see it as a continuation of the doxology.
- There is a theme of intercessory prayer in this section.
- This is 1 of 11 times in the New Testament that faith, hope and love are used together (v. 15, 18)

Three results of opening the spiritual eyes of our heart...

1. We know the hope to which we have been called (v.18)
2. We realize our glorious and rich inheritance (v. 18)
3. We understand the greatness of His power (v. 19)

Point One: We grasp what God has done in Christ through praise and prayer.

The memory of the Ephesians brings forth thanksgiving (v. 16) and causes Paul to pray for their spiritual eyesight (v. 17-18).

Point Two: We grasp what God has done in Christ by recalling His resurrection and power.

God’s life-giving power was shown triumphantly in raising Jesus from the dead and giving Him all power over the church.

“That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms...”

Ephesians 1:19b-20 (NIV)

Point Three: We grasp what God has done in Christ by acknowledging Him as our Authority.

The resurrected Son of God has all power and final authority in heaven and earth.

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
-Jesus (Matthew 28:18)

Wrap Up:

Pray your spiritual eyesight would be corrected so that we always remember who Jesus Christ really is.

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, February 15th, 2015
Next week: Ephesians 2:1-10 Grace