

Life in Christ: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

"That You May Know..."

Ephesians 1:15-23

I. Review: 1:1-14

A. The believer is in Christ

B. The doctrine of salvation:

- Election in eternity past by the Father
- Redemption applied in the present through the Son
- Inheritance sealed for the future by the Spirit

C. Three parts:

- God's provision of riches
- God's plans to bless us
- God's purpose

II. Thanksgiving for Evidence of True Faith (1:15-16)

- "I have heard..."
- "For this reason...."
- Genuine faith
- Paul's prayer life

III. Intercession for Spiritual Illumination (1:17-19a)

- The Object and Source of knowledge
- The Agent of illumination
- The goal

IV. Three Things Every Believer Must Know (1:18-19a)

- The hope of our calling
- The riches of His inheritance
- The greatness of His power

V. An Exaltation of Christ (1:19b-23)

- Resurrection is the proof
- Jesus is *far* above all others
- Christ rules for His church
- The church is the instrument

VI. Bringing it Home

- Biblical prayer
- Spiritual insight
- Confidence in Christ
- Love the church