

That You May Know Ephesians 1:15-23

We all struggle at times with feelings of despair: the future seems hopeless, and we feel unimportant and powerless to change anything. But the book of Ephesians tells us that, for those who know Jesus, we have hope, we have value, and we have access to the power of God. The deeper we know Jesus, the more we understand that we have everything we need in Him.

When we know Jesus deeply (15-18a), we will understand:

- The hope of God's calling (18b).

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God...And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Romans 8:20-25

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:13

- The value of God's people (18c).

You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

1 Peter 1:18-19

- The power of God's Son (19-23).

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:11

Focus your mind on the truth.

Pray for God's people.