

TITLE AND NUMBER: 184. The hope of His calling



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Ephesians 1:17-21

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

LOOKING FURTHER: Ephesians 1:15-21; James 2:14-26

What does this Bible passage tell us?

In this passage, the writer, Paul, gives an answer to the age-old question - how do you know God? First, he invites us to reflect on the significance of our faith, the importance of spiritual enlightenment, the incredible blessings available to us in Christ, and the greatness of God's power that comes from revelation.

It is not enough to have a head knowledge of God; we must also have a deep, intimate knowledge of Him that comes through the Holy Spirit's revelation. Therefore, we are encouraged to seek God with a sincere heart, asking Him to open the eyes of our understanding and reveal Himself to us in a deeper way. God demonstrated this in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places (Ephesians 1:20-21). This serves as a reminder of God's sovereignty and authority over all things. It encourages us to trust in God's power to work in our lives and to accomplish His purposes, knowing that nothing is impossible for Him.

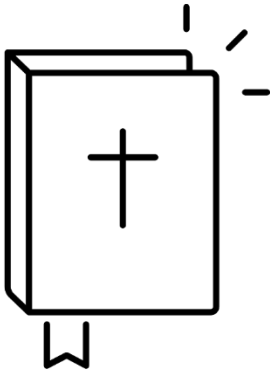
Faith in Jesus Christ is the foundation of our relationship with God, and love for others is the natural outworking of that faith.

As we meditate on these truths, we are encouraged to live in the fullness of our identity in Christ, knowing that we are deeply loved, highly favoured, and empowered to live victorious lives.

Reflections:

- Are you struggling with a situation that seems difficult and overwhelming? You can find hope by reflecting on God's immense power as stated in Ephesians 1:18-19.
- Read the passage again and pray for a deeper understanding of God and His Word.
- How is your faith expressed in acts of love towards others, especially friends and family? The Bible says faith without works is dead (James 2:14-26).

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

