

The Knowledge of God

Ephesians 01:15–18

1 *The basis:*

Faith and love

- a. A strong testimony
- b. An ever present need

2 *The need:*

A growing knowledge of God the God of Christ and the Father of glory

- a. Through the spirit of wisdom
- b. Through the spirit of revelation
- c. Through an enlightened heart

3 *The results of knowing God*

- a. Know God's calling
- b. Know God's inheritance
- c. Know God's power, v. 19

15 For this reason,
ever since I heard
about your faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love for all the saints,

16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you,
remembering you in my prayers.

17 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.

18 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,
the riches of his glorious inheritance
in the saints.

The Power of God: Demonstrated in Christ's Exaltation

Ephesians 01:19–23

<p>1 <i>God's power: A great power</i></p> <p>a. In believers</p> <p>b. Measured by God's power in Christ exalted</p>	<p>19 And his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,</p>
<p>2 <i>The power that raised Him from the dead</i></p>	<p>20 Which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.</p>
<p>3 <i>The power that took Him to heaven and seated Him at God's right hand</i></p>	
<p>4 <i>The power that exalted Christ above all creatures: In this age and in the next age</i></p>	<p>21 Far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.</p>
<p>5 <i>The power that exalted Him as the Supreme Head of the church</i></p> <p>a. Christ — the Head</p> <p>b. The church — His body</p> <p>c. The church — His instrument</p>	<p>22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,</p> <p>23 Which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.</p>