**A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS: THE WEALTH AND WALK OF A BELIEVER**

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* **KNOWLEDGE OF GOD’S PERSON (1:17)**

*Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of* ***wisdom*** *and* ***revelation*** *in the* ***knowledge of him****:*

* **The passion for knowing Him**

*Phil 3:8-10*

*8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,*

*9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*

*10* ***That I may know him****, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;*

*“that I may become more deeply and thoroughly acquainted with him, perceiving and experiencing the remarkable wonders of his person more completely.”*

*Ps 27:4*

*4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to* ***behold the beauty of the Lord****, and to* ***inquire in his temple****.*

*Ps 42:1-2*

*42 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so* ***panteth my soul after thee, O God****.*

*2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?*

*Ps 63:1-2*

*3 O God, thou art my God;* ***early will I seek thee****: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;*

*2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.*

The Key: We must place an extremely **high value** upon knowing God through His Word.

*Prov 2:3-6*

*3 Yea, if thou* ***criest after knowledge****, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;*

*4* ***If thou seekest her as silver****, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;*

*5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.*

*6 For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*

* **The progression of knowing Him**
* **Our knowledge of Him is to be continually increasing. (Col. 1:10)**

*Col 1:10*

*10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and* ***increasing in the knowledge of God****;*

* **Growing in knowledge is inseparably linked to growing in grace. (II Pet. 3:18)**

*2 Peter 3:18*

*18 But* ***grow in grace****, and* ***in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ****. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

*To grow in grace is to have a deeper understanding and a greater appreciation for what Jesus did to save us. In turn, this gives us a greater capacity to extend grace to those in our lives who have hurt, offended or sinned against us.*

* **The products of knowing Him**
* **Faith (II Tim. 1:12)**

*2 Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I* ***know whom I have believed****, and am persuaded that* ***he*** *is able to keep that which I have committed unto* ***him*** *against that day.*

Our faith is in a **person**, not in a **system** of **beliefs**.

*Psalm 9:10 And they that* ***know thy name*** *will put their* ***trust in thee****: For thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.*

* **Obedience (Jn. 10:4)**

*John 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep* ***follow*** *him: for they* ***know his voice****.*

* **Boldness (Daniel 11:32)**

*Daniel 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that* ***do know their God*** *shall* ***be strong****, and* ***do exploits****.*

*Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the* ***strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?***