

Ephesians Handout

Week Eight

Review:

Why revelation?

What kind of revelation?

15 For this reason, I also after hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge (epignosis-full/deep knowledge) of Him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what is the wealth of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding (hyperballo) greatness (megathos) of His power (dynameos) for us who believe according to the effect (energaian) of the might of His strength

Biblical knowledge-

What to know:

1. What is the hope of your calling.

-We are called by a good God for a good purpose. **His** calling. 2 Tim. 1:9, 2 Pt. 1:3

-No mistakes, no take-backs. Rom. 11:29

-No pressure. 1 Cor. 1:26

-We are equipped. 1 Cor. 1:24

-It's a joint, assured effort for a heavenly thing. Phil. 3:14, Rev. 17:14

-Our calling is what assures us that what is happening all the time is ultimately for good. Rom. 8:28

-The good that we are called to...

Love of God. Jude 1:1

Communion with God. 1 Cor. 1:9

Communion with others. 1 cor. 1:2

Freedom. Gal. 5:13

Peace. Col. 3:15

-Our calling assures that we will make it to glory. Rom. 8:30, 1 Pt. 5:10

A few things about the hope of our calling.

-Biblical hope is never an uncertain expectation but a firm conviction.

Rom. 4:18, Rom. 8:24

-Biblical hope is a "living hope" 1 Pt. 1:3 Rom. 5:5, 1 Pt. 2:21

His calling did not end in the grave and neither does ours. Rom. 15:13

2. We need to know
what is the wealth of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

What we get:

What Jesus gets:

Heb. 12:1

Two practical benefits—1.

2.

3. We need to know
what is the exceeding (hyperballo) greatness (megathos) of His power (dynamios) for/toward us who believe according to the effect (energaion) of the might of His strength

hyperballo:

Megathos:

According to:

Energaion:

The astounding part...

What kind of power?

The display of power 20 which He effected (displayed) in the Messiah by raising Him from the dead

What did this prove? Why does it matter?

1 Cor. 15:20

The power that 20b seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places

Eph. 2:5b Where does this come from? Ps. 110

What is this to us?

Power in the poetry. Seated--

Heavenly places-

The power that is 21 far above (hyperano-above and beyond, on top of) all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Col. 2:15, Col. 2:14

Biggest concerns...

Rom. 8:38

God took all this power and then did this...

22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

The fullness of Him: The church is not what completes Jesus, but what is completed or filled completely by and with Jesus whose mission is to fill everything everywhere.

2 Chron. 7:1, Ezek. 43:5, Eph. 2:19, 2 Cor. 6:16, Hab. 2:13-14

*All this is for "the church". The fullness, the calling, the inheritance, the power-- is experienced and exercised for the glory of God in the church and the world.

Mat. 28:18