

# For Further Study:

“The Mark of the Christian” by Francis Schaeffer

“The Knowledge of the Holy” by AW Tozer

“Knowing God” by JI Packer

“Powers of Darkness” by Clint Arnold

“Whaddya know”

11.4.12

Ephesians 1:15-23

Eric Johns

## I. Paul gives thanks for the saints (15-16)

- a. He is thankful for their genuine faith evidenced in their generous love

## 2. Paul intercedes for the saints (17-23)

- a. Paul prays that they would know God better (17)
- b. Paul prays that they would know the hope of their calling (18)
- c. Paul prays that they would know the power of God (19-23)
  - a. We have access to resurrection power (19, 20)
  - b. We have access to royal power (20, 21)
  - c. We have access to reigning power (22, 23)

1. Pastor Eric made the statement: *Too often we live below the level of our privileges in Christ.* What are our privileges (as Paul has explained them in Ephesians?) Why do we live below them?
2. Do you agree with Paul’s prayer that we would know three things: what are they? Which area of knowledge do you personally need to grow in? How will you do this?
3. Which is a greater encouragement to you: 1. That you have a future inheritance, or 2. That God considers you His inheritance?

“Let us be careful, indeed to spend a lifetime studying to give honest answers. ... But after we have done our best to communicate to a lost world, still we must never forget that the final apologetic which Jesus gives is the observable love of true Christians for true Christians.”

- Francis Schaeffer

“There is not a square inch of the world that Christ does not claim with the words: this is mine.”

- Abraham Kuyper