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"The God You Long For"

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Ephesians 1:11-23 **"IS POWERFUL"**

Give up your small ambitions & repent of your low expectations! There's no hurt that can't be healed or addiction that can't be broken or problem that can't be overcome!
Rom.8:11

HIS POWER... v19 "immeasurable greatness of His power"

In the PAST enabled me to believe (Justification: Free from the penalty of sin). (V19; Eph. 2:8-9; Col. 2:13; Rom.5:1, 8:1, 33)

- If I want Him it's because He 1st wanted me. (Rom.3:11; John 6:44)
- Not to see this robs God of Glory and me of joy.

In the PRESENT enables me to behave (Sanctification: Free from the power of sin). (Vv12-14, 18; Phil1:6; Heb12:2; Phil2:12-13)

- Eternal life is not just a quantity but also a quality of life. (John 10:10; Gal.5:22-23)
- This also involves a confident joyful expectation (hope) that the bad things will work out for my good (v11-12), the truly good things can never be taken from me and the best is yet to come (v14). (Rom.8:17-18, 28, 31-39)

In the FUTURE will enable you to become (Glorification: Free from the presence of sin). (vv14, 20-23; Phil.1:21; 1Cor.15; Rev.21:4)

- To live is Christ to die is gain. (John 8:51, 11:25-26)
- Death, crying and pain will be no more.

HIS POWER IS WORKING WHEN...

I have no fear of the darkness inside of me or outside of me or ahead of me (death). (v18 the eyes of your heart enlightened [Gr. to give light or bring to light] John 8:12, 12:46)

I CAN EXPERIENCE MORE OF HIS POWER...

(Vv15-23; Eph. 3:16-21)

Through prayer and meditation on His sacrificial love (The Cross) for me. (1Cor.1:18)

There is no greater power than to give up power to love someone. He gave up His power because of His love for you so that you could be filled with His power and love.



Growing

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- 1) Based on Romans 8:11 why should we give up our small ambitions and repent of our low expectations? There's no hurt that can't be healed or addiction that can't be broken or problem that can't be overcome in Christ! How does your life reflect that statement?

- 2) Read Ephesians 1:11-23. In v19 most theologians point out that Paul is being grammatically excessive when he says, "immeasurable greatness of His power". Put that in your own words. How does vv18-19 show us that Paul doesn't want you to have an abstract idea of this power but to know & experience His power?

- 3) What does it mean that His Power in the PAST enabled me to believe (Justification: Free from the penalty of sin)? How does knowing that if you want God it's because He 1st wanted you give God glory and you joy? What does it mean that God's power in the PRESENT enables me to behave (Sanctification: Free from the power of sin)?

- 4) Eternal life is not just a quantity but also a quality of life (John 10:10; Gal.5:22-23). Explain. In what three ways is God's power in the present working for us giving us a confident joyful expectation (hope)?

- 5) How do I know His power is working in me (v18 the eyes of your heart enlightened [Gr. to give light or bring to light] John 8:12, 12:46)? How can I experience more of God's power (Vv15-23; Eph. 3:16-21)? Pray.