

# Our Relationship / Our Victory - Knowing Christ

## Ephesians 1:15-23

### Fruit of our relationship

Ephesians 1:15-16

#### The Ephesians

##### 1. Heard of your faith

- Do others hear of our faith?
- Are we trusting God even in the difficult times?

##### 2. A love for all the saints

- Do we really love other believers?
- Do we accept, respect and sacrifice for other believers even when we disagree with their theology or preferences?

#### Paul

##### 3. Giving thanks for others

- Are we grateful for others in our lives or do we take advantage?

##### 4. Praying for others

- Is my prayer life tied up with my needs or does it include others?

Knowing Christ is not a result of human effort, although we may and should seek the Lord in prayer and His Word, but rather a supernatural unveiling from God...and not all at once (we couldn't take that in our human mind)...it's a lifetime process of intimacy.

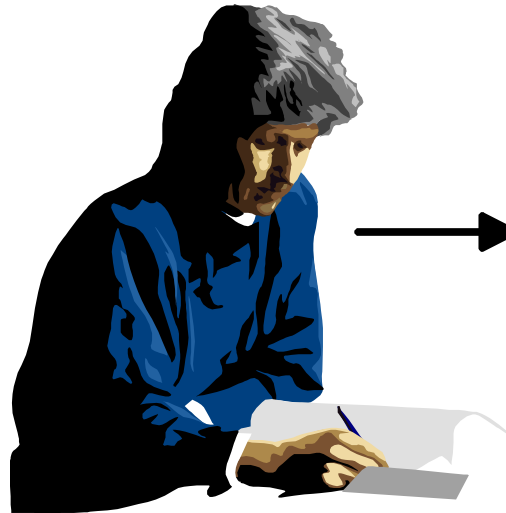
### Focus of our relationship

Ephesians 1:17-23

"...the Father of glory may give to you":

1. Spirit of Wisdom (sophia - skillful, expert, sensible)
2. Spirit of Revelation (apokalapse - unveiling w/interpretation; disclosure)  
"in the **knowledge of Him**" (epignosis - clear and exact knowledge)

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"eyes of your heart  
may be enlightened"



**to Know** (eido - to perceive w/outward senses; to experience)

##### 1. Our Hope

"the hope of His calling"

- A. Our new identity
- B. God's unconditional love
- C. God's sovereignty and care

##### 2. Our Significance

"His inheritance in the saints"

- A. "in Christ" we are persons of value

##### 3. Our Victory

"surpassing greatness of His power"

- A. Omnipotent Christ living inside us
- B. Only to those who "believe"
- C. Believe is more than acknowledging the fact, but receiving as true for you and counting it as such right now