

EPHESIANS



THE

TRUE YOU

FINDING YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Chapters 1-3

**THE FOUNDATION
(DOCTRINAL)**

*Know who you are before
God through Christ.*

Chapters 4-6

THE APPLICATION (PRACTICAL)

*Know how you are to live
out who you are*

**KNOW WHO YOU
ARE BEFORE GOD
IN CHRIST,
AND LIVE ACCORDING
TO THAT IDENTITY.**

THE PRIVILEGES THAT ARE YOURS

Ephesians 1:15-23

You are privileged to . . .

**1. HAVE SPIRITUAL
UNDERSTANDING**

Ephesians 1:17

WISDOM

sophia – wisdom for the
deep things of God

REVELATION

apokalupsis – what was
hidden is now revealed

Psalms 19:7

"The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple."

Psalms 119:165

"Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble."

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**1. HAVE SPIRITUAL
UNDERSTANDING**

Ephesians 1:17

“Superficiality is the curse of our age. The doctrine of instant satisfaction is a primary spiritual problem. The desperate need today is not for greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.”

-Richard Foster

“The final charge that will be
laid against us modern
Christians is the charge of
superficiality and glibness.”

- D. Martyn-Lloyd Jones

**THE UNSEEN IS MORE REAL
THAN THE SEEN**

**THE UNSEEN IS MORE
IMPORTANT THAN THE SEEN**

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.

**For what is seen is TEMPORARY,
but what is unseen is ETERNAL.”**

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**2. GROW IN THE
KNOWLEDGE OF GOD**

Ephesians 1:17

“Disregard the study of God, and you sentence yourself to stumble and blunder through this life blindfolded, as it were, with no sense of direction and no understanding of what surrounds you.”

- J. I. Packer

“Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life's problems fall into place of their own accord.”

- J. I. Packer

Romans 1:25

**"They exchanged the truth of God
for a lie, and worshiped and
served created things
rather than the Creator—
who is forever praised. Amen."**

Psalms 16:4

**"Those who chase after
other gods will be filled
with sorrow."**

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2. GROW IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Ephesians 1:17

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3. LIVE WITH GREAT HOPE

Ephesians 1:18

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"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,"

1 Corinthians 2:9

"But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.""

Paul is praying . . .

**That "eyes of your heart may
be enlightened" Eph 1:18a**

Jeremiah 17:17

**"Thou art my hope in
the day of evil."**

Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

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4. ACCESS GREAT POWER

Ephesians 1:1-20

You are privileged to . . .

**5. LIVE FOR THE
GLORY OF CHRIST**

Ephesians 1:19b-23

Hebrews 2:8

"You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him."

Colossians 3:17

**"And whatever you do, whether
in word or deed, do it all in the
name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father
through him."**

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