

Created For Good Week 2

Ephesians 1:15-23

DISCOVERY: Read Ephesians 1:15-23

- What does this say about the character of God?
- What does this passage say about humanity?
- What is one practical way I will respond because of what I have read?

APPLICATION: Reread Ephesians 1:15-23

- In verse 15 Paul begins with “for this reason”... what reason is Paul speaking of? (Hint: read the previous section - Ephesians 1:11-14).
- In the previous question, Paul is saying because of their status “in Christ” he is praying for them (v 16). In vv 17-19, what 5 things does Paul say he is praying for them that they may receive and know?
- There are things we “know” intellectually, and there are things we “know” by experience. Paul is praying that they don’t simply intellectually acknowledge their status in Christ as saved and sealed; but that they would know it by experience.
- Say a prayer to God today that He would open the eyes of our hearts (v18), and that we would know by experience (v18) the hope to which we are called, and to know His immeasurable greatness of His power toward us (v19), giving us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him (v17).

EXPLORATION: Reread Ephesians 1:15-23

- In v 15, first note the order of the words “faith” and “love”. Now read Galatians 5:6 and 1 Timothy 1:5. What do you notice about how faith and love go together in these verses?
- Read v 18. The word “enlightened” is the Greek word “photizo” and in this verse, it is in the perfect tense in the language. This indicates not a momentary action, but that Paul is asking God that the Ephesians would live *enlightened lives*.
- Read Ephesians 5:8-21 on living an enlightened life. Spend time today asking God to show you any unfruitful ways of living you are engaged in and ask Him to show you how to walk more fully in the light.

CONVERSATION: Journaling day (worship music, silence etc)

- Read Ephesians 1:15-23
- _____, I want you to know....

