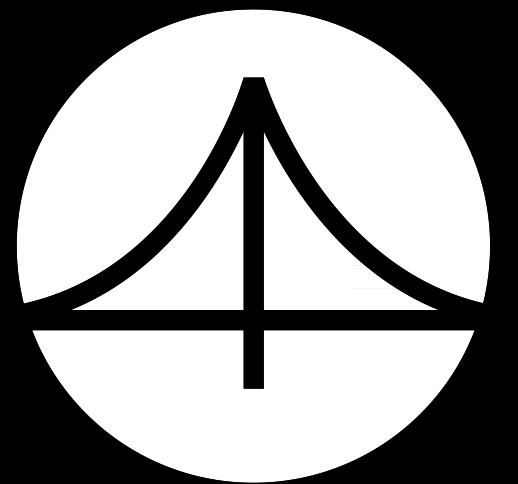


Ephesians: Seeing With New Eyes

Ephesians 1:15-23



God wants us to know Him more so we can trust Him more.

- 1 Request
- 3 Goals
 1. Hope
 2. Riches
 3. Power

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1 Request

- Us getting to know God is the work of the Trinity
- Paul wants the church to have a deep, relational, experiential knowledge of the Trinity
- Paul wants this for all Christians
- Paul becomes the answer to his own prayer as he prays it
- The doctrine of the Trinity is the fuel for Christian love

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Goal 1: Hope

- The hope: that all things in heaven and on earth will be united in Christ
- Believing this hope is true will transform the way we live life
- Knowing God is the one who will bring this hope to fulfillment will make us people of prayer

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Goal 2: Riches

- All Christians are God's inheritance
- God sees the beauty and perfection of Jesus when He looks at you, and that is glorious

Goal 3: Power

- The power God used to raise Jesus from the dead is the power He uses to equip Christians for living out their faith
- Jesus has power over any authority or ruler that seeks to harm us, and He uses the power for our good

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