

The Power of Hope

Ephesians 1:18-20

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU A WORD OF ASSURANCE

Ephesians says the Lord wants the eyes of your understanding to be enlightened “*that you may know*”

Ephesians 1:17

It is never His plan for anyone to stumble around in the spiritual darkness, desperate to stumble across something they can believe in

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The Lord “*desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*” 1 Timothy 2:4

Jesus alone provides you the way to say “I know”

“*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.*” Isaiah 40:8

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“That you may know what is the hope of your calling.”

Ephesians 1:18

Jesus Christ is the source of eternal hope

Real hope is confident expectation based on the promises of God revealed in His unchanging Word

What is the calling of God? –

“Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.”

Matthew 4:19

He calls you to trust His presence with you, His strength to enable you, His directions to guide you, and His purpose to fulfill itself in you

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Real hope is placing real faith on the real promises of
a real Savior

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“the exceeding greatness of His power toward you”

Ephesians 1:19

God's power pointed in your direction

Until His power is flowing in and through you, you are spiritually powerless

You do not have the capability to live a Christian life apart from the Lord

The Lord has designed you to be constantly dependent upon the life and power He alone provides

THE FINAL WORD IS BELIEVE

Everything Jesus has promised is guaranteed to –

*“us who **believe**” Ephesians 1:19*

Belief is a matter of turning to Him in complete faith
and following Him with total trust