

# 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

# GOD HAS GIVEN YOU A WORD OF POWER

*“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