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Eyes Wide Open

Ephesians 1:15-23

Επιγνώσει

A full knowledge; an intimate knowledge; a knowledge that comes from personal experience

As we know Him more fully – we begin to understand that...

In Christ, I am not

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*¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may **know** him better. ¹⁸I 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, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

For Discussion and Application:

1. What aspect of today's teaching "hit home" with you? Why?
2. Can you think of a time when you were living beneath your position; when you had lost sight of your wealth in Christ?
3. Which of the three statements (In Christ, I am not...) do you most often need to tell yourself?
4. Possible application: Using today's passage as a pattern, pray for someone in your sphere of influence. Then send them a note letting them know how you are praying for them.

Spend some time each day reading, meditating on, studying, resting in and applying Ephesians 1:15-23.

Here are some resources that may help:

<http://parkerhill.wordpress.com> – more weekend follow-up questions for you and your small group

Life Lessons with Max Lucado - Ephesians (available at your favorite local Christian bookstore or online book seller)

www.crosswalk.com

www.studylight.org