

For the week of January 16, 2022
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Eyes of the Heart

Second week in the series: The Mystery of Christ
Ephesians 1:15-23

Do we appreciate what we have in Christ? Do we even know what we have? Thankfully, God gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten the eyes of our hearts.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you think you may have had the “eyes of your heart” enlightened by the Holy Spirit?
2. How do you think the Spirit may have helped you in “the knowledge of him”—that is, in your relationship with God?
3. Describe your experience with the following:
 - a. The “hope to which he has called you.”
 - b. The “inheritance” God gives you—that is, the coming new creation.
 - c. God’s “power toward us who believe.”
4. How do you relate to this quote from theologian Alister McGrath?

“I had given much time to trying to understand the basic ideas of the Christian faith and appreciating the wonderful way in which those ideas interlock. I had gained a lot from grasping the wonderful coherence of Christian doctrine.

“Yet, at times, this seemed to be little more than just kicking ideas around. It was as if there were one part of my life that dealt with ideas, and this somehow never seemed to come into contact with anything else. It began to seem unreal and irrelevant. As I wrestled with this, I began to realize that my faith was actually quite superficial. I had understood things, but had failed to appreciate them. I had not made the connections that would have led to the enrichment of my faith and the deepening of my spiritual life. I had missed out on some of the great riches of the faith.

“I found myself wishing that I had encountered them long before. Then I began to do some serious reading and reflection. It took me ten years to sort myself out, but it was worth it.”