

**WE CAN KNOW GOD BETTER**  
Ephesians 1:15-23

**Introduction**

- A. Our Christian life is like \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- B. Paul's prayer
1. He gives \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. He prays for \_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. spirit = principle, desire, drive, or passion
    - b. wisdom = living life skillfully, right living, maturity - 1 Cor 2:15
    - c. revelation = knowledge of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ three truths must be known better.
1. that God's \_\_\_\_\_
  2. that God's \_\_\_\_\_
  3. that God's \_\_\_\_\_

**I. We Must Know God's \_\_\_\_\_ 1:18**

- A. It is grounded in God's perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
--compare Romans 8:28-39
- B. It is established upon Christ's perfect \_\_\_\_\_.  
--compare Hebrews 9:11-12, 24-28; 10:12-14, 19-23
- C. It is secured by the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. We Must Know God's Accessible \_\_\_\_\_ 1:18**

- A. We have an inheritance from God
1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ 1:5, 11
  2. We are joint heirs \_\_\_\_\_ Gal 4:1-7
- B. God jealously keeps guard over His \_\_\_\_\_ 1:14,18

- C. But God allows \_\_\_\_\_
1. So that in the end He may do \_\_\_\_\_ Deut. 8:15-16
  2. For ease will cause us to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Deut. 8:17-19
  3. When we know God well, we know that we can \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rom 8:28
  4. We often just look at our own life and not \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  5. God is more concerned about our everlasting state. Do you know how long 100 years is? 1,000? 1,000,000? Eternity? God does and He is \_\_\_\_\_ us for that wonderful life.

### III. We Must Know God's \_\_\_\_\_ 1:19-23

- A. Paul emphasizes this power through \_\_\_\_\_ 1:19
1. dynamis - potential power, hence \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_
  2. energeia - working power, kinetic energy
  3. kratos - power under control
  4. ischys - strong, mighty, physical strength
- B. Paul illustrates this power \_\_\_\_\_ 1:20-23
1. In His \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 20
  2. In His \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 20
  3. In His \_\_\_\_\_ vss. 21-22a  
Ps 110:1; Isa 45:22-25; Phil 2:9-11
  4. In His \_\_\_\_\_ vss. 22b-23
    - a. Nothing can stop the church of Jesus Christ . Mt 16:18
    - b. The church is the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Compare Acts 9:4-5; Heb 4:15; 1 Cor 12:25-27

### Conclusion

1. We must recognize this power.
2. We must activate this power.