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1 Corinthians 13:8-10,13

- “**Love** never fails. But whether **prophecies**, **they will fail**; whether **tongues**, **they will cease**; whether **knowledge**, **it will vanish away**. For we know **in part** and we prophesy **in part**. But **when that which is perfect is come**, **then that which is in part will be done away**...
- **Now abide faith**, **hope**, and **love**, these three; but the greatest of these is **love**”

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- The **parts** ended when the **complete whole** had been given **v.10**
- Even in the beginning, God's concern was that the church have faith, hope, and love
- **Colossians 1:5; 1 Thessalonians 1:3**

Colossians 1:4-5

- “We give thanks to **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, praying always for you, since we heard of your **faith** in **Christ Jesus** and of your **love** for all the **saints**; because of the **hope** which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel”

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

- “We give thanks to **God** always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of **faith**, labor of **love**, and patience of **hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of God our Father”

Ephesians 1:15-16

- “Therefore I also, after I heard of your **faith** in **the Lord Jesus** and your **love** for all the **saints**, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:”
- What is missing?
- It is what Paul prays that the Ephesians would come to understand...

Ephesians 1:17-19a

- “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may **know what is the hope of His calling**, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe,”

KNOW THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

HOPE

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Hebrews 11:1

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Ephesians 1:18c

- *The riches* - the value
- *Of glory* – not material value
- *Of His inheritance* – not our inheritance in Heaven **1 Peter 1:3-4**
- *In the saints* – we are His inheritance
- Paraphrase: **God desires for us to know how precious we are to Him**
- **We are all that will remain from earth Heb. 12:28**

Hebrews 12:26-28

- ...now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.” Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that **the things that** are **not shaken may remain**. Therefore, since **we are receiving** a **kingdom** which **cannot be shaken**, let us have **grace** by which **we may serve God acceptably** with **reverence** and **godly fear**.

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Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians

Paul helps to answer that prayer by writing the first three chapters of **Ephesians**

1-3 *Know the Hope of His Calling*

Information to assure us of God's love

Information to assure us of God's power

4-6 *Walk Worthily of the Calling*

How to live based upon the calling

You must know it in order to live by it

Know the Riches of the Glory of His Inheritance in the Saints

- **1:3-14** praise
- **1:15-23** prayer
- **2:1-13** past to present
- **2:14-18** peace
- **2:19-3:13** plan
- **3:14-21** petition
- **All** of **it** **emphasizes** **God's** **willingness**
- **1:19-23** and **3:20** **describe** **God's** **power**

***Know the Immeasurable Greatness of His
Power toward Us who Believe v.19-23***

- ***Immeasurable greatness of His power***
- **HIS SUPER-MEGA DYNAMITE**
- ***According to the working of His great
might***
- **According to the ENERGY of HIS MIGHTY
STRENGTH**
- The **Greatest Example of God's Power:**
**v.20-23 The resurrection and exaltation of
Christ**

Know the Greatness of His Power

Ephesians 3:20

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- **God is able**

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- God is able to do what we ask **or think**

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- God is able to do **exceedingly**, abundantly above all that we ask or think

Walk Worthily of the Calling

Ephesians 4-6

Walk in unity 4:1-16

Walk no longer like the Gentiles 4:17-32

Walk in love 5:1-7

Walk in light 5:8-14

Walk in wisdom 5:15-6:20

Relationship rules to apply to our walk

5:22-6:9

Fight in faith 6:10-20

God Wants You

Ephesians 3:16-19

- To be **strengthened** by **the Spirit** in your **heart**
- To make your **heart a home for Christ** by **faith**
- To **know His love** for **you** **1 John 4:16...**
- To **experience His love** so that it is a **life-changing** experience **Romans 2:4**
- To **be raised with Christ** **Colossians 2:12**
(**Faith raises us after we are buried in baptism**)
- To **walk worthily of the calling** **Rom. 6:4**

