



HAPPY HEARTS HERALD

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SPIRITUAL REALITIES WE NEED TO KNOW

Ephesians 1:15-23

Paul's prayer for the church of Ephesus focuses upon spiritual realities that he desired that they and we should know. He prayed that we might know God. There is no higher knowledge than this. The atheist claims that there is no God. The agnostic declares that if there is a God we cannot know Him. But Paul had met Jesus in a personal way on the road to Damascus. As born-again believers in Jesus Christ, we all have a personal relationship with Him. We can say with Paul "...for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12, KJV).

The believer must grow in his knowledge of God. "To know God personally is salvation. To know Him increasingly is sanctification. To know Him perfectly is glorification. It is not enough to know God as Savior. We must get to know Him as Father, Friend, and Guide, and the better we know Him, the better our spiritual lives will be" (Warren W. Wiersbe).

He prayed that we might know God's calling. The word, "church" is a combination of two Greek words that mean "called out." As believers we have been "called out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9), and have been "called unto glory" (2 Peter 1:3). As believers in Christ, we have a glorious future. In this present world we are pilgrims and strangers. This is because this world is not our home. We have a home eternal in the heavens. When Jesus was preparing to leave this world and return to heaven, he said to His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself that where I am there you may be also" (John 14:2-3). Praise God! Jesus is in heaven now preparing a glorious place for those of us who are redeemed by His precious blood so that we may have the joy of spending eternity in the presence of our loving God. "When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!" (Hewitt, 1898). He prayed that we might know God's riches. God looks upon us as a part of His great wealth! Christ will be glorified in us and we in Him! He prayed that we might know God's power. God has given us His Holy Spirit to empower us to do His will. We have the same power that raised Jesus from the dead living in us! We have the power to do His will. No wonder Paul wants us to know the greatness of His power in us! We only need to live in the reality of these truths which are available to all of His children!

"One hour in heaven, and we shall be ashamed that we ever grumbled" - Vance Havner

Hewitt, E. (1898). "When we all get to heaven." Public Domain.

Bro. Charles

**"I have so many things to work on, and so many ways that I fail.
But that's what grace is all about.
And I constantly wake up every morning trying to get better,
trying to improve, trying to walk closer to God."**

Tim Tebow –

**Former NFL Quarterback for the Denver Broncos
and New York Jets and Current ESPN College Football Analyst**

Happy Hearts Humor

An old geezer became very bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's clinic. Get your treatment for \$500; if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000, so he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Doctor Young said, "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer said, "Nurse, please bring the medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Doctor Young's mouth."

Doctor Young yelled, "Ugh!. This is gasoline!"

So, Dr. Geezer said, "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Of course, Doctor Young was annoyed, so he returned a few days later in order to recover his money. He said, "Dr. Young, I have lost my memory. I can't seem to remember anything!"

Dr. Geezer said, "Nurse, please bring the medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Doctor Young's mouth."

Dr. Young said, "Oh, no, that's gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer replied, "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Doctor Young, now having lost \$1000, came back one last time to recover his money. He said, "Dr. Geezer, my eyesight has become weak. I can hardly see anything!"

Dr. Geezer replied, "Well, I don't have any medicine for that, so here's your \$1000 back."

But, he only handed him a \$10 bill! So, Dr. Young said, "This is only \$10!"

Dr. Geezer replied, "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."



"I RECOMMEND HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY FOR PEOPLE WHO AREN'T AS HIP AS THEY USED TO BE."

HAPPY HEARTS HAPPENINGS

**BREAKFAST
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
at 8:30 AM
@ Sunny Street Café
7143 Hwy 72 W, Madison**

**SENIOR LADIES'
PRAYER/BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS
@ 9:00 AM
in Steadfasters SS room**

**GAME NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 15
at 6:00 PM (Basement)
Pizza furnished.
Bring dessert and drinks.**

**WALL HIGHWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
6597 WALL TRIANA HIGHWAY
MADISON, AL 35757**



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AND REMEMBRANCE**