

**June 5, 2022**

The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**Eph. 1:18-19** *I pray 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 His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. (NIV)*

Paul uses four main words in this passage to encourage the Ephesians, and us, to live our lives unto the LORD. First of all, our hearts must be ***enlightened***. The Greek word here means to shine light on something so that you can see, to illuminate or make evident; to reveal. The Holy Spirit brings the light of real life into our hearts so that we can begin to see things from our LORD's perspective.

Then he prays that because we are enlightened, we can know the ***hope*** to which He has called us. The Greek word for hope is ***elpis*** which means *trust, confidence and expectation*. He has called us to live, looking forward to the day when 'every knee will bow and every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father. He has called us to live with this expectation of His soon return and His reign over all the earth.

This brings us to this phrase: the riches of His ***glorious inheritance***. Because of our trusting in Jesus for our salvation and living in the hope of His eminent return, we have the indwelling and direction of His Spirit. He is available for all who have believed, and we look forward to the day when we will be with the LORD forever!

And lastly, Paul says that we don't have to try to do any of this on our own. In fact, we could not. It is ***His incomprehensibly great power for us who believe***. This couplet of words in the Greek means *unlimited and vast power that has no end to its strength*. God's strength in us will never draw up short or fail. He will continue to daily fill us with His power by His Spirit that lives within us. When you put all of these together, we can realize the kind of life that the LORD has in store for us.

**Dear LORD, You have enlightened us with Your hope so that we can live in the glorious inheritance and the great power that You provide by Your Spirit in us. Praise the LORD!  
In Jesus Name, Amen**