

Christ's Resurrection Power - The Hope and the Calling of the Believer: Eph 1: 18-23



'The Nozomi Project'
'The Hope Project'



A. Journey of Discovery (Eph 1:18)



“that the eyes of your (our) understanding may be enlightened”.

‘understanding’ in the Greek is ‘kardias’, which means ‘the seat of our emotions’.

“Ah Ha” moment - A moment of sudden insight or discovery.

1. Hope of His calling

The word 'calling' has two meanings – invitation to and banquet & one's vocation or purpose.



Life is a journey of discovering our new callings in God.

“Why not prepare to live?”

2. God's Inheritance in Us

Firstly, we have become the inheritance of God .

Secondly, the inheritance of God is the product of our hope and calling.



Plan for living!



‘The riches of the (His) glory’ - God looks upon the product of our calling as something of great value, worthy of His claim and ownership.

B. Awareness of God's Achievement on our Behalf: Eph 1:19-22

1. Guarantee of Christ's Resurrection power working in us (Eph 1:19)



The word 'power' here in the Greek is 'Dunamis'. It's the word from which we get two of our English words: the word 'dynamite' refers to accomplishing something in a miraculous way, while the word 'dynamo' refers to something just as powerful, but it's continuous.

2. Same Resurrection Power

Right-hand of God - Christ enjoys executive powers of administration of heaven and earth.

Under Christ's feet – vanquished all His enemies.

Christ is the “head over all things”, that is, the governing authority over all things .

Christ's divine resurrection power that enables us to discover the hope of our calling which in turn produces a divine inheritance for God.



Arnold Schwarzenegger
'Conan the Barbarian'

C. Filled with the fullness of Christ's Resurrection Power (Eph 1:23)

'Fullness' – 'Pleroma' – carries the thought of being under the control of a powerful force- a ship – a man-of-war.



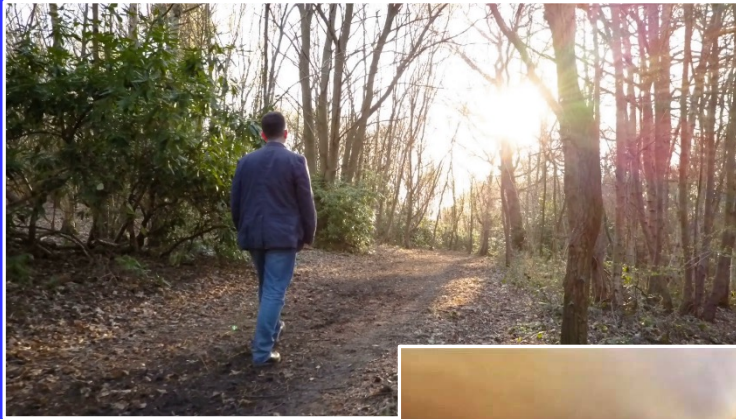
The word 'fills' also conveys the idea of permeation.

The word 'fullness' also carries the thought of being filled with gifts from God.



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Conclusion



“To turn people’s eyes to Jesus.”