**Ephesians 1:15-23**

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,18having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
 **Outline**

1. Enlightened Eyes
2. Called to Hope
3. Equipped with Power

**Enlightened Eyes**

**Called to Hope**

 “The best of life on Earth is a glimpse of Heaven; the worst of life is a glimpse of Hell.

For Christians, this present life is the closest they will come to Hell. For unbelievers, it is the closest they will come to Heaven.”

-Randy Alcorn

**Romans 5:2-5**Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3**Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4**and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5**and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

“The hope of the glory of God in which believers rejoice is the hope of sharing that glory—the hope of being manifested in glory with Christ at his appearing.”

-F.F. Bruce

**Equipped with Power**

 “If the death of Christ is the supreme demonstration of the love of God…the resurrection

of Christ is the supreme demonstration of his power.”

-F.F. Bruce

**Hebrews 2:8**Now in putting everything in subjection to him [or under his feet], he left nothing outside his control.

**Ephesians 6:12**

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

**1 Peter 5:8**

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

“If you want to know—experientially know—what verse 19 means, if you want Paul’s prayer answered in your life that you will “know the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe,” then wake up to the demonic battle that rages for your soul, your marriage, your children, your ministry every day.”

-John Piper

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.