

IN CASE OF A POWER OUTAGE - #4

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I. Eph 1:15-23

A. V17 - Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Him

1. Wisdom - Capacity - The answers or solutions; the “know how”; skill, aptitude
2. Revelation - Communication - Telling or showing us something we didn't know!

B. V18 - Eyes enlightened that we may know:

1. The Hope of His calling

- a) **Hope** - *elpis* - To look forward with confident expectation and anticipation
 - (1) **Invitation** - Keep “showing up” for the life God is inviting us to live.
 - (2) **Summons** - The Judge in the courts of Heaven will “show up” for you!

2. Riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

- a) **Inheritance** - *kleronomia* - Share, lot or portion; That which is received to an heir on the death of the owner.
 - (1) **The DESIRE of the LEAVER trumps the DESERVING of the RECEIVER!**
 - (2) **Matt 7:11** - how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things!
 - (3) **John 3:3** 3..unless one is born again, he cannot **see** the kingdom of God.
 - (4) **John 3:5** 5...he cannot **enter** the kingdom of God.
 - (a) **Two steps to receiving the kingdom of God:**
 - i) The first step is “seeing” it, having your eyes opened to it
 - ii) The second step is to “enter” or possess it!
 - (b) **Deut 1:8** 8 **See**, I have set the land before you; **go in** (enter) and **possess** the land which the Lord swore to your fathers — to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob — to give to them and their descendants after them.
 - (5) **He determines the inheritance, we determine the possession!**
 - (a) **Josh 1:2-4** - God gives the boundaries to possess
 - (b) **John 10:10** - Life more abundantly
 - (c) **Col 1:12** 12 giving thanks to the Father who has **qualified** us to be **partakers of the inheritance of the saints** in the light.
 - i) I am not disqualified based on myself because I was not qualified based on myself.
 - (d) **Rom 8:17** 17 if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ
- b) **Riches** - *ploutos* - Wealth, abundance, extreme; to flow, to fill, fullness

