

Knowing His Power

Ephesians 1:15-23



An Invitation to the Holy Spirit

O God, the Holy Spirit,
come to us, and among us;
come as the wind, and cleanse us;
come as the fire, and burn;
come as the dew, and refresh;
convict, convert, and consecrate
many hearts and lives
to our great good
and to thy greater glory;
In Jesus Christ's name. Amen.



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Romans 1:7

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God,
called to be saints:

1 Corinthians 1:2

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to
those who are sanctified ..., **called to be
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3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ...

6 **to the praise of the glory** of His grace, by which He made us **accepted in the Beloved**. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ... Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be

to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, **to the praise of His glory**.



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- When was the last time someone asked you about your Christian faith?



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Reflective question 1

If Jesus comes back today, would we be happy or would we be sad? Would we be expecting to hear Him say: "Well done, good and faithful servant"?



Reflective question 2

Whether we realize it or not, we all work for a prize - be it for a salary, a certificate, a trophy, or a compliment from someone we value.

Imagine we are lying on our deathbed today, and we are allowed only to hold one "prize" in our hands, what would that **prize** be?



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Romans 15:18-19

For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient — **in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God**, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum **I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.**



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2 Corinthians 4:7-10

But we have this **treasure in earthen vessels**, that the excellence of the **power** may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed - always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, **that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our (mortal) body.**



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Acts 19:24-26

For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made **silver shrines of Diana**, brought no small profit to the craftsmen. He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: “Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade. Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands.

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