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## ***The Importance & Power of Revelation is the Experience of God's Tangible Reality***

That you may know (experience) (Ephesians 1:18)—to know is to encounter and experience God's glory. Revelation is the unveiling of God Himself.

To Paul, this was the primary need for the Ephesian saints. Revelation is the most powerful influence that equips our hearts for wholeheartedness. If we can see what Paul saw, then we can embrace what he embraced.

Seeing determines the depth of our sustained choices for holiness.

1. The Greek word "knowledge" (epignosis) refers to experiential knowledge which is much more than informational knowledge of true facts about God.
2. To know or encounter God is the essence of eternal salvation (John 17:3; Phil 3:10).

“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only God and Jesus Christ.”

John 17:3

Paul prayed a general prayer that they receive more revelation of God. Then Paul added three specific prayers that flow out of encounter. He wanted the people with enlightened eyes to know (Gr. eidenai) or experience three specific dimensions of God's glory:

1. First, to have assurance (hope) related to their life calling (assignment) in God.
2. Second, to experience the wealth of being God's inheritance (what He desires most).
3. Third, to experience God's power in our mind, heart and ministry.

### **Experiencing the Assurance of God's Calling for Our Lives (Ephesians 1:18)**

“That the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation... that you may know (experience) what is the hope (assurance) of His calling...”

Ephesians 1:17-18

The first specific request relates to what we are to do. Paul wanted them to have assurance or confidence in knowing God's calling or divine assignment for their lives and how God evaluated their calling or lives' work.

God has a tailor-made mandate or assignment for each person's life that includes both the present and future. This brings us confidence in our dignity and greatness before God.

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God offers us a great future. He wants to impart confidence in us now, that is related to our present labors and struggles that are so small and weak and seemly insignificant in man's eyes.

(To be continued.)