

## **Ephesians- A New Way To Be Human**

### **Part 7: A New Purpose For Living**

Proverbs 14:12- “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

Psalms 127:1- “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.”

### **God Hates It When We Make Christianity About Us, Not Him**

Revelation 3:1b- “I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.””

Sardis looked good on the outside, but was dead inside  
Revelation 3:15-16- “I know your works: you’re neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you’re lukewarm, & neither hot nor cold, I’ll spit you out of my mouth”

### **1. First Purpose Is To Know Jesus**

Luke 10:38-42- “Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet & listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted w/ much serving. And she went up to him & said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious & troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

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, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom & of revelation in the knowledge of him, having 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, & what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead & seated him at his

right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule & authority & power & dominion, & above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet & gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all”

**A. Know The Hope To Which He Has Called You:**

**B. Know The Riches Of His Glorious Inheritance In The Saints:**

**C. Know The Greatness Of His Power Towards Believers**

Acts 19:13-16- Seven Sons of Sceva beating of a lifetime trying to cast out demons using, “the name of Jesus who Paul proclaims” They knew about the power of Jesus- but they didn’t “Know” This power of Jesus is “immeasurable”= you can’t measure it We have some concept of how far away planets are, but the Bible says again & again that there is no measuring God’s power And this great, infinite power was directed towards believes Those who believe in Jesus, who’s hope was in Jesus, who would live for His glorious inheritance would be accompanied by it!

**You “Know” If You’re Living For His Glory, Not Your Own**

VS. 20-22- “that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead & seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule & authority & power & dominion, & above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,”

**We Make Our Purpose All About Jesus**

**Headless Christianity:**

VS. 23- Jesus is the “head” of the Church

Revelation 2:2-4- “I know your works, your toil & your patient endurance, & how you cannot bear w/ those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles & are not, & found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently & bearing up for my

name's sake, & you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.”