



WHAT THE CHURCH IS FOR – PART 1

MORE THAN ENOUGH

EPHESIANS 1:3-10

GIFTS TOWARD GOD'S GLORY

EPHESIANS 1:3-6

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us** in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For **he chose us** in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ **he predestined us for adoption to sonship** through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ **to the praise of his glorious grace**, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

God's will and pleasure toward us is to bless, choose, purpose, and adopt.
All of these are through Christ alone.
Consider the importance of these gifts for your life.

PRAYERS TOWARD GOD'S GLORY

EPHESIANS 1:15-18

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you **the Spirit of wisdom and revelation**, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray **that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may **know the hope to which he has called you**, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people...

Paul's pastoral prayer for Christians was for wisdom, revelation, hope and purpose.
Consider the importance of praying these prayers for ourselves and each other.

POWER TOWARD GOD'S GLORY

EPHESIANS 1:18-21

¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ **and his incomparably great power for us who believe**. That power is the same as **the mighty strength** ²⁰ **he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead** and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ **far above all rule and authority, power and dominion**, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Resurrection power is the inheritance of God's people.
Consider the importance of this power for your life.

FULNESS TOWARD GOD'S GLORY

EPHESIANS 1:22-23

²² And God placed all things under his [Christ's] feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is **his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way**.

Christ is the head over everything for the church – our source and authority.
The church is the body of Christ – the fullness of Christ in the world.
Consider what can happen if each part of the Body lived in the fullness of Christ.