

## In Him Realities

**INTRO:** It was finished totally – not on the cross – but when Jesus received His inheritance and sat down.

**Ephesians 1:15-23** – *Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

**“the hope of His calling”** – focus on Jesus’ calling. Our confidence comes from Jesus fulfilling His covenant.

- **Note:** the important covenants for us are the ones involving Jesus.
- **II Corinthians 1:20** – *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.*
- **When approaching God:**
  - Is it something Jesus received?
  - Is it something Jesus was called to?
  - Then it belongs to me, if I’m in Him.

**Philippians 4:10-13** – *But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.* <sup>11</sup> *Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:* <sup>12</sup> *I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.* <sup>13</sup> *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* (Can't earn it by being abased) [**AMP** – *I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].*]

**“the riches of the glory of His inheritance” (vs. 18b)**

- His inheritance is now our inheritance.

**Vs. 20-23** – *which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,* <sup>21</sup> *far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.* <sup>22</sup> *And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,* <sup>23</sup> *which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

- **Romans 8:11** – *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

**Go back to Vs. 17-18a** – *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,* <sup>18</sup> *the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;*

- **“the spirit of wisdom”** – **Isaiah 11:1, 2** – same Spirit was on Jesus. **Heart** = the seat of enlightenment.

- “revelation” – a disclosure of truth; instruction relating to Christian salvation. **[Thayer]**
- “knowledge” – EPIGNOSIS; Precise and correct knowledge. **[Thayer]**