

THE PERFECT PATH TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
MESSAGE 2: Increasing in knowledge
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- FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:
 - 2 Peter 1:4
 - Ephesians 1:10, 22-23
 - In ONE: The Body of Christ
 - Colossians 1:6-10

I. The Divine Nature of God & the Newborn Believer

- a. Ephesians 1:3 = All Spiritual BLESSINGS belong to the born-again Believer
- b. Ephesians 2:4-8 = this is our position right new in Christ
 - i. (Ephesians 2:6) [The Passion Translation] He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ!
- c. God's Divine Nature:
 - i. Holiness
 - ii. Righteousness
 - iii. Wisdom
 - iv. Faith
 - v. Love [1 John 4:16]
 - vi. Light (Revelation Knowledge): 1 John 1:5
 - vii. All of the Fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22-23
 - viii. Which all adds up to: Virtue (Authority) & Glory

II. Knowing the Will of God Builds Faith: Colossians 1:9-18

- a. Colossians 1:9 – the Cause for Paul's Prayer
 - i. Verse 4: Their Faith
 - ii. Verse 4: Their Love
 - iii. Verse 5: Their Hope
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 13:13 – all three must be alive in the born-again Believer.
 - iv. Verse 6: Knowing & Operating in the Grace of God
 - 1. All of these because the people at the Church of Colosse had a reputation for operating in the Truth of the Gospel (verse 5)
 - 2. Romans 1:15-17

- b. Colossians 1:12 is a major part of our inheritance as the Body of Christ is to partake of the Light (Revelation Knowledge)
 - i. It's our right to partake of the Full Divine Nature of God and by doing so, escaping the corruption that is in the world.
- c. Colossians 1:18 = What position does Jesus have in this Church & in our individual Life?

III. Christ IN YOU [the born-again Believer: Colossians 1:27]

- a. The Mystery Solved: Christ [THE ANOINTED ONE WITH HIS ANOINTING IN THE BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER]
- b. The Hope [the Expectation of the Glory]:
 - i. The Manifest Presence of God
 - ii. The Manifest Goodness of God
 - iii. The Manifest Power of God