

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

EPHESIANS: Awake, O Sleeper - Ephesians 1:15-23 - "That We May Know" - 01.21.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. As you read Ephesians 1:15-23,
What stands out to you about these verses and how do they relate specifically to what Paul has written in Ephesians 1:1-14?
3. How does verse 15 reveal the relationship between genuine faith in the Lord and a genuine love for all of the saints?
Why does love for the Lord also require (and even result in) love for the saints? (Consider verse 23 if you need help)?
As you consider the Body of Christ, do you have a genuine love for your fellow brothers and sisters?
What does this look like practically for us as members of the Body of Christ under His headship?
What should we do if we are struggling with our attitudes toward other believers, and how can we still love them?
***Take time to pray for those in Christ whom you're struggling to love well, & ask the Lord to lead you in how to love them better.*
4. Early on in the message, I shared the [insulting] phrase, "[insert person's name here] is so heavenly minded he's no earthly good"
In light of these verses, and Paul's prayer for the saints at Ephesus, do you believe it's possible to be too heavenly minded?
As you consider the truths revealed in this book so far, could you ever exhaust the depths of our Lord's goodness?
What do you think would happen if we chose to dwell upon the goodness of God to us revealed in passages like this?
If our minds are fixed on the things of heaven, do we become MORE or LESS "earthly good"? (And why)?
5. How do verses 18-20 encourage and empower us when we're faced with temptation in our lives (what power is at work in us)?
How do verses 20-23 help to drive out the fear of man and give us boldness and power in Christ to live more impactful lives?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
Faith in Jesus always leads to loving His people!
We choose to be thankful for & love each other!
God is the source of all wisdom & knowledge!
Lean into His Spirit who leads us in these truths!
Jesus has won the victory & is above ALL else!
This same immeasurable power works in us!
Christ fills the Body & we contribute to His fullness!
His fullness is evident in our submission to Him!
Our thoughts must be fixed on God's goodness!
As we dwell on Jesus, we grow more like Him!