



“A Glorious Inheritance”
Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalms 97 & 99, John 1:3, Hebrews 1:2-3

- I. In his typical greeting fashion, Paul expresses thankfulness for his audience in prayer, having _____ of their faith and love for the saints (1:15).
- a. Some people’s faith and love is so intense that every time other believers think of them a small eruption of _____ occurs (1:16).

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- b. Paul prays that his readers will have will have a _____ of God in wisdom and revelation (1:17-19).

- II. This power has been witnessed in the earthly realm by the _____ and in in the heavenly realm by the _____ of Jesus Christ from the dead (1:20).

1 Corinthians 15:25-28; Psalm 110; 1 Peter 3:22; Isaiah 11:4-9

- a. The _____ of Christ is testimony to us of God’s existence, power, and willingness to use them on our behalf (1:18-20).

- b. Christ is both raised and seated in a position of rule and authority both in _____ age and in the age to come (1:21-23).

Luke 8:28-31; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6

QUESTIONS FOR TONIGHT:

1. Paul exulted in thanksgiving and prayer continually for the recipients of his letter after hearing of their faith and love (1:15-16). Do you have a personal testimony of an example for how you erupt in prayer and praise to God every time you think of someone from your past with whom you no longer have direct contact? What was it that caused this?
2. How can we say, “our God reigns” now and always when evil exists in the world? Did He, at some level, *want* evil to exist and does not His reign allow for evil, even the evil that befalls good people?
3. Is the Kingdom of God in any way inaugurated in the heavenly realm but not yet realized in its full end-times glory?