

Nation under God

Week 3: All in God's Hands – Ephesians 1:17-23

Weekly Summary: According to the Bible, our hope is never found in armies, laws, governments, or nations. Our hope is in God! He rose from the dead and now rules all things at the Father's right hand for the good of his people. With that kind of God ruling and loving us, we can confidently say, "It's all in God's hands!"

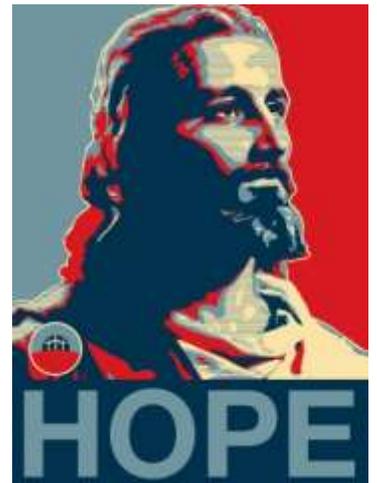


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➤ Know _____ = No _____

❖ **Ephesians 1:18a** – 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 ...

➤ Know your _____ (your "_____").



❖ **Ephesians 1:18** – 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 ...

➤ Know his _____.



❖ **Ephesians 1:17-23** – 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. ¹⁸I 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, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far 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. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

➤ Know his _____.

Digging Deeper

1. What makes you most afraid for the future of America? Write down your answer, then read the passage from Ephesians 1:17-23. What words/phrases help deal with your fears?
2. What negative impact does fear have on the one who is afraid? How can fear lead us into some very dangerous waters?
3. What happens when we put our hope in earthly rulers and governments?
4. In 2 Kings 6:8-23, what was Elisha's servant afraid of? How were his fears calmed? How can we, through our eyes of faith, have our own fears similarly soothed today?
5. Agree/Disagree: Keeping eternity in mind will eliminate 100% of a Christian's fears.
6. Study Revelation 19:11-21. What comfort would this passage have given Christians in the 1st century who were being persecuted by Rome? What comfort does it give to God's people today?
7. **Homework:** Read James 1:1-12 to start thinking ahead to next week's message in our new series!
8. **Challenge:** During the course of the week, write down the things you notice in your life that cause you fear, whether a lot or a little. Then study the Scriptures, and write Bible passages/stories that give godly comfort and perspective in the face of those fears.