

Notes on Ephesians 1B Message

GOD'S KNOWLEDGE FOR LIVING

1:16-18 "I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the wonderful future he has promised to those he called. I want you to realize what a rich and glorious inheritance he has given to his people. I pray that you will begin to understand the greatness of his power for us who believe Him."

Spiritual Wisdom and Understanding is knowledge and revelation from God that the human spirit hears. It is different from the knowledge of the world that our mind hears. God says things that we couldn't know. He says things that may seem foolish to us but we still do as His people because we trust him and have discovered that he is right.

•We find out that we are spiritual beings of great value made in his image. Father God has a wonderful future for each person starting in this life. There are things that belong to us -an inheritance. The Father involves himself in our life to make good things happen. His power opens doors and confounds evil.

Grow in the knowledge of God. God is a person. More things are revealed and learned better in a relationship with a person than from a book. The Christian faith was first called the "way." It is spoken of as a "walk." *Jeremiah 9:23-24 "This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man gloat in his wisdom, or the mighty man in his might, or the rich man in his riches. Let them boast in this alone, that they truly know me and understand that I am the LORD who is just and righteous; whose love is unfailing, and that I delight in these things. I, the LORD, have spoken!"*