

Lesson 10: Ephesians 1:15-2:10
Know Your Hope in Christ

1. Paul's prayer for believers to know God's hope, inheritance and power (Eph. 1:15-23)

John MacArthur said that, "Prayer is the spontaneous response of the believing heart to God. Those truly transformed by Jesus Christ find themselves lost in wonder and joy of communion with Him. Prayer is as natural for the Christian as breathing."

Matthew Henry said, "Christians should not think it enough to have warm affections, but they should labor to have clear understandings; they should be ambitious of being knowing Christians, and judicious Christians."

2. Salvation by grace through faith:

a) Our hopelessness without Christ (Eph. 2:1-3)

b) Our full hope in Christ (Eph. 2:4-10)

Matthew Henry said that, "When [God] raised Christ from the dead, he did in effect raise up all believers together with him, he being their common head; and when he placed him at his right hand in heavenly places, he advanced and glorified them in and with him."