

The Results of God's Divine Sovereignty

Ephesians 1:15-23

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I. The Knowledge of Christ as Lord (v. 15a)

- A. The mark of a true church & believer
 - 1. Faith in Christ
 - 2. Love Christ's church
- B. Faith in Christ as Lord and Savior
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 - Only a believer will submit to Him as Lord
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- C. Since He is Lord, He is actually our Master
 - 1. We are His bond servants/slaves
 - 2. Facts surrounding our redemption are the same aspects of slavery
 - We are chosen (Eph 1:4-5)
 - We are purchased (1 Cor 6:20; 7:23)
 - We are subject to the Master's will & control (Acts 5:29; Romans 6:16-19)
 - We are totally dependent on the Master (Philippians 4:19)
 - We will give an account (Romans 14:11-12)

II. The Love of the Saints of the Body of Christ (v. 15b-16)

- A. Our love for the body of Christ is a proof of the genuineness of our salvation
 - 1. It is a basic factor in whether have been born again (1 John 3:14)
 - 2. It is impossible to love God and hate the brethren (1 John 4:20)
- B. Our love for one another is more than words (1 John 3:16-18)
 - 1. Christian love is demonstrated
 - 2. Christian love is not given for personal gain
- C. Our love should mirror His love for us
 - 1. We are commanded to love one another in this way (John 13:34)
 - 2. We are to love sacrificially
 - 3. Our love for one another is not measured by love in return

III. Prayer of Petition and Praise (v. 17-23)

- A. Paul prayed for the Ephesian believers
 - 1. He prayed they would have godly wisdom
 - 2. He prayed for enlightened hearts
 - 3. He prayed for continued discovery of our eternal hope
- B. Paul praised the Savior
 - 1. The immeasurable power of the Triune God
 - 2. The power seen in the resurrection
 - 3. The eternal place of authority that Christ occupies is recognized
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