September 14, 2003

25th ANNIVERSARY: PRESENT

Ephesians 1:17-23

I. Knowing Him

- A. Who:
 - 1. Glory
 - 2. Grace: God of our Lord Jesus Christ Father
- B. How:

Spirit reveals Him thru the Gospel together with all the saints (3:16-19)

Are we intimate & passionate about Jesus? Consider the enthusiasm & joy in our worship

Learning to look away from ourselves to Him

II. Knowing Our Hope

Discovering more of His riches in our poverty

III. Knowing His Power

- A. What that power is
 - 1. _____ power: v19-20
 - 2. _____ power: v20
- B. Who that power is for
 - A. The Church: v22-23 That includes CPC
 - B. US who believe: v19

Does that include you?

3:16-19, 20-21

C. What that power is for

- Release from _____: 2:1-2 → 4-5 4:22-24 5:18-21
- 2. Victory in _____ 6:10-17
- 3. To accomplish the ______
 3:7-8 → 6:19-20
 Think of 3-4 people very dear to you who are **not** Christians: family and friends

How does the Bible describe them? John 3:16 perishing; 18 condemned; 36 under God's wrath (cf. Eph 2:3; 5:6)

- Eph 2:12 without hope and without God 4:18 separated from the life of God 5:8ff in darkness
- Gal 3:10 cursed
- II Thess 1:9 destined for punishment with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord
- Why do they not rush to the Lord to receive Him?

Columbia and CPC after 25 yrs: lose passion and confidence in the power of the life transforming Gospel? Romans 1:16-17

Let us come anew to Christ to

- Know Him more fully
- Realizing that means knowing Him in community
- Believing He wants to save people we know thru us