

THE HOPE

Part 1: Identity

PAUL'S PRAYER (*Ephesians 1:15-19 NKJ*)

- A prayer for believers
 1. Praying for enlightenment
 2. Eyes of understanding / heart
- What he wanted them to know
 1. Hope of His calling
 2. Our inheritance in Christ (*Galatians 3:14 NKJ*)
 3. God's power toward us

HOPE OF OUR CALLING

- Our identity
 1. What do you identify with?
 2. Not all things are permanent
 3. Our confidence is not in the natural things (*Philippians 3:3-7 NKJ*)
- We are called to a new higher identity (*Colossians 2:6-7 NKJ*)
 1. Our roots are to be in Christ
 2. We identify by faith
- Our new higher identity in Christ
 1. Not subject to external conditions
 2. Higher than physical realities
 3. Becomes the basis for our functioning in God's kingdom (*Colossians 3:9-13 NKJ*)