

His Part 7- Open the Eyes of our Hearts

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. Ephesians 1:15-23

2 Praises for The Ephesian Churches

1. Their faith in the Lord Jesus.

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

Only the Holy Spirit can enlighten our spirit to what this actually means and how we live out that reality on a daily basis.

2. Their love for all God's people.

True, Christ honoring, Biblical love involves all of us, emotions, will and affections.

As important as right belief is, it is nothing if it is without love.

2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:2

14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 1 John 3:14

The supernatural ability to love selflessly was implanted into you when you became a follower of Jesus.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

The brain cannot produce compassion because compassion is demonstrated in actions and affections and not merely information.

and when he saw him, he had compassion. Luke 10:33

The main reason that we don't submit to Christ's Lordship is because we have a dimly lit view of who He truly is.