

Ephesians

My Hope For You

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(Ephesians 1:15-19) For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 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. 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, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

1. Know Jesus personally.

(Matthew 7:21-23) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you.'"

✓ Give your life to Jesus.

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

✓ Get water baptized.

(Acts 2:41) Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

✓ Create habits that result in closeness.

(1 Corinthians 1:9) God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. Experience freedom.

(Proverbs 4:23 NKJV) Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

✓ Join a Small Group.

(Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT) Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...

✓ Complete Freedom Track.

(John 8:31-32 MSG) Then Jesus turned to the Jews who had claimed to believe in him. "If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you."

✓ Become a powerful person of prayer.

(James 5:16) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

3. Serve others.

(1 Peter 4:10 NLT) God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.

✓ Complete Life Track.

(1 Corinthians 12:1) Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.

✓ Join a Serve Team.

(1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT) All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

✓ Become an others focused individual.

(Galatians 5:13) For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

4. Change the world.

(John 15:8, 11) "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

✓ Live to love.

(John 13:34-35) "Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

✓ Live to give.

(1 Timothy 6:18) Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

✓ Live to lead.

(Matthew 28:19) "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."