

## RESURRECTION POWER

Introduction – We are chosen and predestined by God as a community of Christ and not as individuals. We were baptized into Christ to become a part of this community of hope.

### A. Marked and Sealed by the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:11-14

1. Predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.
2. Precious commodities and confidential scrolls were marked by seals in the first century world.
3. The Holy Spirit is the deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until our full redemption is complete.

### B. The Eyes of Our Heart Need to Be Enlightened So We Can Know Our True Hope in Jesus

Ephesians 1:15-23

1. We get to know God better by the gift of the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge.
2. Paul prays for the Ephesian congregation:
  - a. “that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened.”
  - b. “that you may know the hope to which he has called you”
  - c. “the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.”
3. This inheritance is the incomparable great power for us seen in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus.
4. The invisible head of the church is Jesus and we are his visible body on the earth infused with resurrection power by the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion – Spiritual maturity in Christ is measured by the trinity of faith, hope, and love. In contrast our society values scientific rationalism, money, and sex.