

Basic Christianity: Knowing Jesus  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
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*“Therefore, thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’” – Isaiah 28:16*

*“The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.  
<sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”  
– John 3:35-36*

1. Knowing Jesus Creates Hope (vs. 17-18)

*“that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,<sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,”*

*“For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.” – 1 Corinthians 8:5-6*

2. Knowing Jesus Strengthens (vs. 19-20)

*“and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might<sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,”*

*“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” – 2 Timothy 1:7*

*“Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” – 1 John 4:4*

*“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”  
– 1 John 4:18*

3. Knowing Jesus Unites (vs. 22-23)

*“And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”*

*“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism,<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”  
– Ephesians 4:4-6*