

THE MAIN THINGS

EPHESIANS 1:15-25

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “The main things are the plain things, and the plain things are the main things.” David Veerman, member of the Senior Editorial Team for the Life Application Study Bible.

THERE ARE “TWO CARDINAL MARKS OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN—faith in Christ and love for other Christians....Those two dimensions of spiritual life are inseparable.” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Ephesians, p. 38. God’s gift of faith began your relationship with Him, and the Holy Spirit poured His love into your heart, giving you the power to love others as Christ loves you. (**Ephesians 1:15, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[1st], Romans 3:28, fn 3:28, Ephesians 2:8-9, fn 2:8-9, John 13:34-35, fn 13:34, I John 2:8-11, fn 2:7-8, I John 4:7-12, fn 4:7-21, Romans 5:5, fn 5:2-5**) *How does faith and love mark you as a Christian? Explain.*

THE CHRIST LIFE IS NOT YOUR OLD LIFE. Your new life in Christ is Christ’s resurrected life. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power that enables you to live the Christ life. When your earthly life is over, Christ’s resurrection power will deliver you to the eternal joys of Heaven. (**Ephesians 1:16-21, fn 1:19-20, II Corinthians 4:7, fn 4:7, Romans 6:5, fn 6:5-23, Philippians 3:10, fn 3:10**) *How could Christ’s resurrection power help you change, grow, and help others?*

JESUS IS LORD OF ALL, therefore every believer, whether small or great, must be continually nourished by grace until the fullness of Christ captivates their souls. (**Ephesians 1:22-23, fn 1:20-22, fn 1:22-23, Hebrews 2:8-9, fn 2:8-9, I Corinthians 15:24-28, fn 15:25-28, Colossians 2:9, fn 2:9, Colossians 1:28-29, fn 1:28-29[1st], II Timothy 2:1-2, fn 2:1, fn 2:2**) *When does Christ give you strength to do His work?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?