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New Series: Transformed By The Cross

Paul's Prayer: That they would grow in their awareness and understanding of what they _____ had in Jesus Christ.

Real Christian Growth Happens: As the Spirit of God _____ our eyes to understand the love of God and what He did for us on the Cross.

1 John 1:3 "... And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ."

Romans 2:4 "Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that His Kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?"

1. Eyes Opened To Understand the Depths of God's Love

Ephesians 1:17-20 "I keep asking that... the glorious Father may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray also 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 the saints, and His incomparable great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead..."

* **Paul Prayed** - that God would allow them to grow in the awareness and understanding of what they _____ had in Christ: His Supreme Love—His Supreme Power.

* **Christian Growth Occurs** - when we see the love of God as the Holy Spirit enables us to see and understand what Christ did for us on the cross.

1 Corinthians 8:3 "... if anyone loves God, his is known by God."

2. "Strengthened... In Your Inner Being"

Ephesians 3:16-19 "that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power thru His Spirit in your inner being... that you being rooted and grounded in love... to grasp how wide... may have strength to comprehend... the love of Christ."

* A Christian that grows, that is grounded, " _____ " the love of Christ.

* **Paul's Priority:** Our "inner being" over our outward life, so that Christians may know Him with true passion and depth.