

Renewing Our Vision for 2021  
**“Unseen Truths About Our Life”**  
Ephesians 2:1-7

**Three of Our Greatest Needs in Life (Eph. 1:18-23)**

1. *Deep Understanding of God Aspirations for us. (Eph. 1:18a)*
2. *Deep Understanding of How Valuable Our Success is our God and Father. (Eph. 1:18b)*
3. *Deep Understanding of the Power of God working in us and for us. (Eph. 1:19-23)*

***What We Need Most in Life  
Is Not Typically What We Seek.***

**Deep Understanding of the “Good News” (Eph 2:1-7)**

1. **Death is not just a physical end to life, but a condition of the human spirit that threatens our eternity. (Eph. 2:1-3)**

Death describes condition deserving of God’s wrath.

- Death describes our nature as human beings that consistently fails to do what is right toward God and others.
- Death describes our nature to serve our desires and thinking at the expense of health and true love.

*We need an honest assessment of ourselves in the eyes of Jesus to understand the depth of our brokenness.  
(It is helpful to read Matthew 5)*

2. **In spite of ourselves, God is committed to showing us mercy because of how deeply He loves us. (Eph. 2:4)**

*The Good News is that  
we have God’s Commitment to helping us  
apart from what we deserve by nature!*

3. **Through Jesus, we have an unseen “new life” that seats us in the presence of God all the time. (Eph. 2:5-6)**

Expectations of wrath are replaced with “LIFE” in Jesus!

- We receive liberation from our brokenness as defining us.
- We become children of God in His presence all the time.

*Through faith we embrace an unseen reality  
in which we are not defined by our brokenness  
but by God’s recreation of us.*

4. **Through Jesus, God has now guaranteed that He can be gracious and kind to us for eternity.**

*In Christ,  
the benefits of “life” will never end*

**Living in “Truth”: A Process of Transformation**

*Jesus said, “You will know the truth,  
And the truth will make you free.” John 8:32*

- **Our greatest challenge as Christians is learning to live our lives consistent with who God says we are rather than what we see and feel. (Eph. 4:23-24)**

*We must resist valuing feels more than thinking!*

- **We need to manage our thought life by continually “setting our minds” on truth in Christ rather than falsehoods typically embrace apart from Him.**

**(Romans 12:2; II Corinthians 3:18)**

*We must resist being victims of  
untrue and deceptive thinking!*