

New Salem Church

Sermon Outline

Date: Sunday-September 1, 2024

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Speaker: Pastor Jamaal Cox

Sermon Topic: "Knowing Christ"

Key Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

Main Point: Our biggest need, no matter where we are in our faith journey, is to know Christ.

Points:

1. Faith and Love (v. 15-16)

- a. What does it look like to be the Church?
 - b. Believe we can trust God for everything
 - c. Love all fellow Christians
 - d. Celebrate spiritual success of other believers
 - e. Actionable faith and actionable love
 - f. Faith and love are the hallmarks of being the Church
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2. Knowing Christ is Ultimate (v.17)

- a. Matthew 7
 - b. John 17
 - c. Gnosis ("to know" in Greek) → Epignosis ("to be known" in Greek)
 - d. The Holy Spirit, which searches God's mind, grants us wisdom and revelation
 - e. Our biggest need, no matter where we are in our faith journey, is to know Christ.
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3. Fullness of Christ for the Church (v. 18-23)

- a. Having the eyes of our hearts enlightened (spiritual vision)
 - b. You may know what is the hope to which he has called you
 - c. The riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints
 - d. The immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe
 - i. Raised Christ from the dead
 - ii. Seated him at his right hand
 - iii. All rule, authority, power, and dominion
 - iv. Over the Church
 - v. All in all
 - e. The fullness of Christ creates a deep connection between the Head and the Body, which is His powerful love.
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My Thoughts/Observations/Questions

Scripture References
