

**"FAMILY PERKS"**  
**Ephesians 1:15-23**

Every family comes with family perks. Not everyone gets to just walk in, open the refrig, put their feet up on the couch, take the car, etc. Last week we learned believers have been adopted into God's family. What are the perks?

I. POTENTIAL TO KNOW THE \_\_\_\_\_ INTIMATELY (15-17)

II. PERSPECTIVE TO SEE OUR \_\_\_\_\_ CLEARLY (18)

III. POWER TO EXPERIENCE OUR \_\_\_\_\_ FULLY (19-23)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. When a child is adopted, he/she may experience immediate security from the father, but not immediate intimacy with the father. How does this parallel our spiritual adoption by God?
2. What are you currently doing to grow in your knowledge of God? What have you learned about God (e.g., His character, cause, conduct) in the last week or two?
3. What is it about our spiritual destiny that you find personally motivating for the present? See 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 & Philippians 3:20-21.
4. God's power is what brings about life-change. How has God changed your life since becoming a Christ-follower?



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## I. Potential to Know the FATHER Intimately.

- Potential: Beyond Introductions
- Progress: “Keep Asking...”
- Process: Insight from the Word

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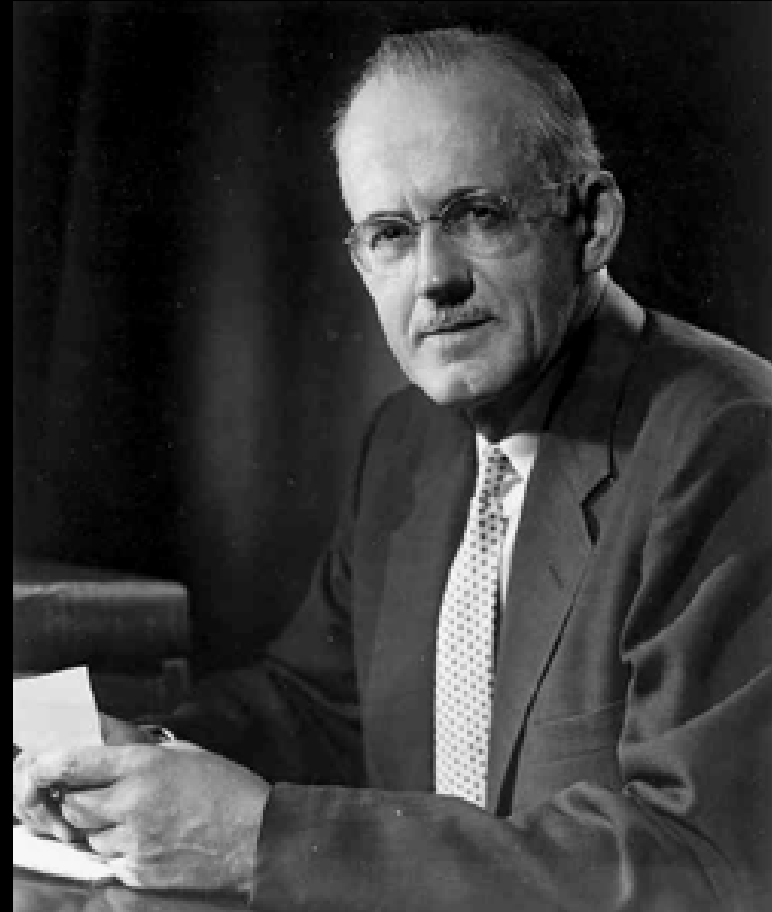
## II. Perspective to See Our FUTURE Clearly.

- Request: Enlightened Eyes
- Reasons: Coming Restoration  
Coming Reception

Ephesians 1:18

“Let no one apologize  
for the powerful  
emphasis Christianity  
lays upon the doctrine of  
the world to come... We  
do well to think of the  
long tomorrow.”

A.W. Tozer





“It is since  
Christians have  
largely ceased to  
think of the other  
world that they have  
become ineffective  
in this one.”

C.S. Lewis

“What we feel now, we will not always feel. Our disappointment is itself a sign, an aching, a hunger for something better. And faith is, in the end, a kind of homesickness— for a home we have never visited but have never once stopped longing for.”

Philip Yancey



“C.S. Lewis once observed that when we discover desires within us that this world cannot satisfy, it should make us wonder if we were designed for another world. And if we entertain that possibility, we might also begin to wonder if what is wrong in this world will never really be fixed till we get to the next. Maybe the pie we most want, the pie we were meant to enjoy, really is in the sky.”

Larry Crabb



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## III. Power to Experience Our FAITH Fully.

- Existence of Power
- Extent of Power
- Evidence of Power

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