

GROWING
IN GOD

15-16 Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you/**keep praying** constantly,



Loving God



Loving others



v17 "asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight/**revelation** so that you might grow in your knowledge of God."



- read the Bible
- look at Jesus
- look at creation - His nature
- observe, think
- turn off the media, be silent

18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.



19-20 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand in the heavenly realms



21 Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come

22 God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church

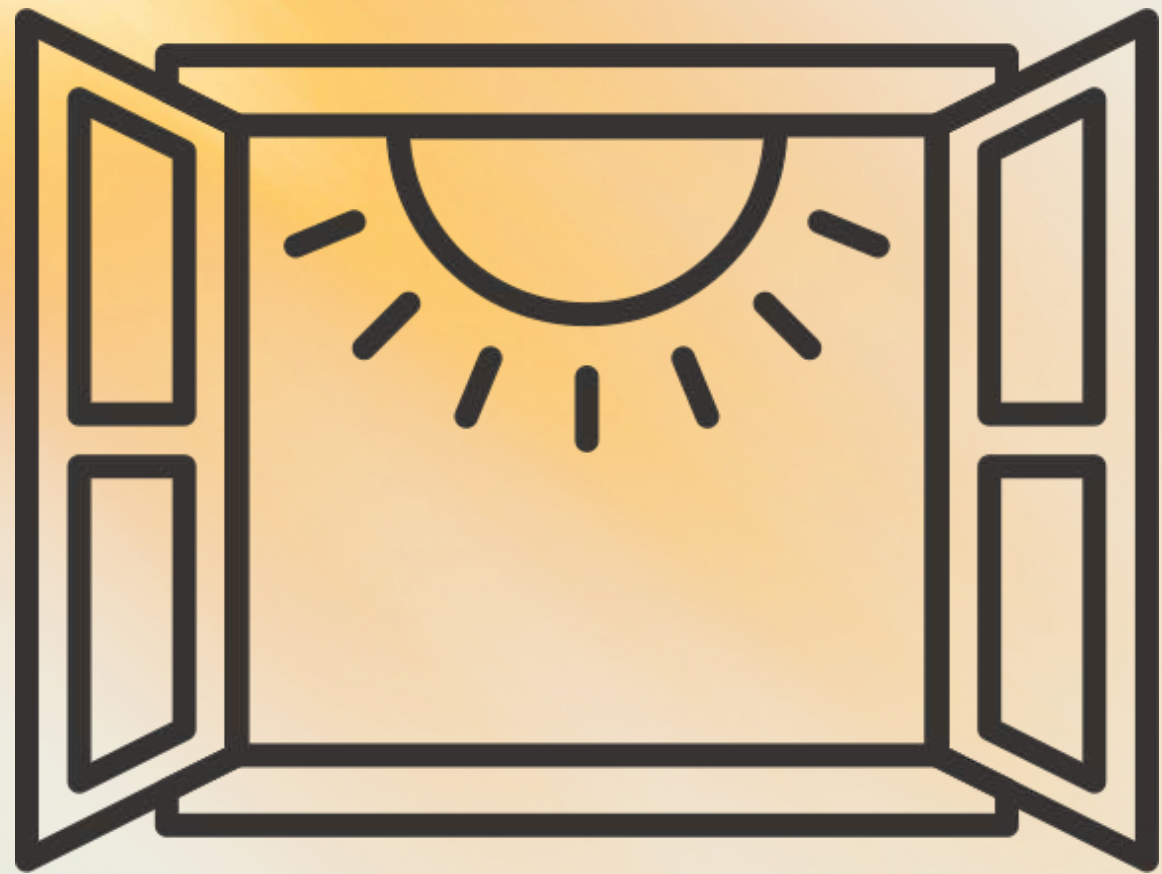
- read it in the context of the day
- whose story is it, anyway?

23 And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere* with himself.



* this includes us!

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HOPE

LET US PRAY

