

## 7 CORE INGREDIENTS IN A ROBUST SPIRITUAL LIFE

### INTRODUCTION

#### My Story

**The Grand Narrative and Our Lives** (Revelation 21:3-4)

#### Some Important Distinctions

### FIRST CORE INGREDIENT IN A ROBUST SPIRITUAL LIFE:

*VISION: RECALL THE “THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE”*

#### We Were Created to *Know God and Enjoy Him Forever*

1. It Begins with Two Deaths and a Realm Transfer - Galatians 2:20 and Colossians 1:13-14
2. And Leads to a Powerful Reality - Philippians 3:9-10 and Ephesians 3:8-10 (“unsearchable riches of Christ”)
3. Involving New Spiritual Life and a New Three-Pronged Battle - John 7:37-38; 17:3
4. The Pursuit of God Becomes the Primal Mover in a Robust Spiritual Life: Ephesians 3:20-21; Psalm 42:1,2; 91:1ff; Zeph 3:17; Matthew 13:44-46; 1 Cor 1:9; Eph 3:14-21

#### The Point!

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#### What’s Blocking Your Vision (cf. Mark 4:1-20)?

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#### What Is the Most Important Vision Question (Rom 8:31-32)?

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**Famous Players:** “Take Note of Those Who Live According to ‘the Pattern’...” – *Apostle Paul*

**Polycarp** (c. AD 69-155 / Church Leader at Smyrna) – “For 86 years I have been his servant and he has never done me wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King, who saved me? I thank you Father for your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we have received the knowledge of You...I bless you for granting me the honor of this day...”