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Application

This passage emphasizes the importance of growing in our knowledge of God (accomplished by reading His Word!) and by applying what we learn to our lives.

> Look back at your answer for the first question. Why is it important that we understand each of these things? Our hope gives us peace, the riches reveal God's greatness, knowing God's power gives us confidence in our Christian life.

> As part of Christ's body, what role does understanding Christ's authority and power play in our lives? We can depend on Him, rely on Him for strength, listen to Him in all aspects of life.

> How does the concept of being part of a body impact the way we relate to one another? Must know our place/role and do our part, be willing to serve each other and serve with each other.

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