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- Ability to see beyond the obvious to the eternal
- Knowledge of Jesus
- New hope—from our new knowledge of Christ
- Understanding of our call to follow Jesus
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