



## **“Being Enlightened”**

*The Church’s Calling*

Ephesians 1:15-23

*God’s ways can be:*

### **I. Exhibited** - “I heard of your” (vs. 15-18)

*His presence is seen in Our:*

- A. **Faith** – “your faith”
- B. **Love** – “and love unto all”
- C. **Hope** – “what is the hope”

### **II. Examined** – “that ye may know” (vs. 18-19)

*His passion is seen in His :*

- A. **Proffer (Hope)** – “His calling”
- B. **Pride (Love)** - “His inheritance”
- C. **Power (Faith)** – “His mighty power”

### **III. Expected** - “Which He wrought in Christ” (vs. 20-23)

*His posture is seen by the way He :*

#### A. **Finishes** – “raised Him from the dead”

*He always finishes well....those who are Godly...finish well also*

#### B. **Fixes** – “and set Him at His own right hand”

*Sin problem, accuser problem, access problem, All of the messes or problems we get ourselves into.*

#### C. **Fills** – “Him that filleth all in all”

*With all spiritual blessings...what are they well, including election, predestination, adoption, grace, redemption, forgiveness, wisdom, understanding, knowledge of the mystery of His will, the sealing of the Holy Spirit, and inheritance*

### Sentence Sermon:

*“I want to personally know Christ and experience the power that caused His resurrection .”*

## Additional Verses

- *John 3:3; 17:3*
- *Philippians 1:9-11; 3:10*
- *Colossians 1:9-12*
- *I Corinthians 13:9-12*
- *I Peter 2:3,9*
- *II Peter 1:3*
- *Psalms 34:8; 119:18*
- *Isaiah 11:2*
- *John 14:25-26*

## Questions to Ponder:

- 1. How would you summarize what Paul prays for in this passage?
- 2. Who raised Jesus from the dead? How about these verses (Romans 8:11; Galatians 1:1; John 2:19-22).
- 3. Why does Paul pray for God the Father to “give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation?” Do all believers have the Holy Spirit?

## V. 15

- Wherefore = based on all that has been stated ...all spiritual blessings from the Trinity
- Because of (**For this reason**) the believers' acquisition of every spiritual blessing—
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- I also = Paul personally
- After I heard = the word has gotten to Paul...their reputation
- Your faith = trusting in
  - In the Lord Jesus = faith's most important attribute is the location where it is placed...
    - *.My faith has found a resting place...Hymn 405*
- And love = compassion for others
  - All the saints.even the nauseating ones

## V. 16

- Cease not to give thanks for you = a spirit of thanksgiving, yes, but even more...
- Making mention of you in my prayers = Who do we make mention of in our prayers???? Is it true that we could enlarge that list?? We are not truly thankful for someone if we do not thank God for them and we do not truly care for someone unless we make mention of

them in our prayers asking Almighty God to help, heal, protect, and bless them.

V. 17

- That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ = the Father of Glory = Eternal Heavenly Father of the Eternal Heavenly Son...yes Jesus is God and has always been the Son.
- May give unto you = God wants to do it and Paul prays for it...will you be receptive???
  - The spirit of wisdom and revelation = the enablement to be skillful with what you know and to see what you have not seen. TO USE WHAT GOD GIVES YOU AND CONTINUE TO SEEK MORE FROM HIM.
    - In the knowledge of Him = “epiginosko” – not facts but intimate knowledge in context of a relationship = go deeper with the Lord

V. 18

- The eyes of your understanding = “open the eyes of my heart” chorus....
- being enlightened = perfect tense in greek....stating that it has already happened in the past and has continuing results...SO, the song ought to say “Opened the eyes of my heart Lord...”
- That ye may know = “to see” the reason that God opened the eyes of our heart
  - 1. The hope of his calling = the anticipation because of His invitation
  - 2. The riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints = the abundance of majesty that God deserves because of those He possesses...Jesus is very wealthy in valuable servants, and trophies of His grace called “The saints “

V. 19

- 3. The exceeding (3 terms sandwiched to highlight) = **“huperballo”** to throw beyond, exceed the expected – SURPASSING !!
- greatness of = **“megethos”** Its MEGA --- BIGGGGG !!
- His power = **“dunamos”** EXPLOSIVE – Shakes things up.

- to us-ward who believe = **3 ways** believers can count on God's Power...
  - According to the
  - working = "energia" ***effective***...it works!
  - of his mighty = "ischus" – ability or inherent strength - ***omnipotence***
  - power = "kratous" overcomes resistance – ***miracles***

V. 20

- which He = God did something with this power
- wrought in Christ = put forth to be effective on Christ's behalf ...same word as ***verse 19*** "***energia***" effective.
- When He raised Him from the dead = very effective.
- Set Him at His own right hand = place of privilege, power, influence
- In heavenly places = where God resides and there is no sin

V. 21

- Far above all = ***not even close***
- Principality, power, and might, and dominion = primarily used of angelic/demonic beings
- Every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come = ***Jesus' name***

***will always be exalted ...no matter the time period or the cast of characters.***

V. 22

- Put all things under His feet = He rules with total authority
- And gave Him to be the head over all things to the church = Jesus reserves the right to do with the church what He wants to...We ought to always be careful to consult Him on whatever the church thinks to do.

V. 23

- Which is His body = the church = Christ's body
- The fullness of Him that Fills all in all = ***"which is His body, which is being filled by the One who fills all things with all things (blessings)."***