

The Gift Christians Need Most

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 34

Ephesians 1:17f.

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¹⁵ For this reason I, for my part, since hearing of your own faith in the Lord Jesus, and of the love which *you show* unto all the holy ones,
¹⁶ I do not cease giving thanks for you while making mention of you¹ during my prayers,

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, would give you a spirit² of revelation-based wisdom³ in the full knowledge of Him,...
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Introduction:

I. _____ Paul Asks (1:17a)

A. “The God of Our Lord Jesus Christ”

B. “The Father of Glory”

1. “Glory” in Ephesians
1:____, _____, _____
3:____-____
2. The point:

C. What We Learn

II. _____ Paul Asks (1:17b-18)

A. “That...God... _____ You”

1. “That [He] would” indicates
2. “Give” indicates the *nature* of God’s action

B. “A _____”

1. Interpretive challenges
2. Many think Paul means the _____
 - a. Why they do
 - b. Why it’s unlikely

2 Timothy ____:____

¹ Some manuscripts do not contain “of you”; if absent, it would be implied, regardless.

² Or “the Spirit.”

³ Literally “wisdom and revelation”; a hendiadys, or possibly “spiritual wisdom and revelation.”

3. Paul means a particular frame of _____
a. What is “spirit” and “spirit of ___”?

- b. Examples:
1 Corinthians ___:___
2 Corinthians ___:___
Galatians ___:___
Ephesians ___:___
1 Peter ___:___

C. “Of _____ and Revelation”

1. What is **wisdom**?

___:___-___
___:___-___
___:___-___

2. What is **revelation**?

___:___-___

3. What is a spirit of wisdom and revelation?

- a. The phrase is a figure of speech called a *hendiadys* (hen-DIE-uh-dis)
i. Meaning: two words, one idea
ii. Examples:

b. So it means...

D. What We Begin To Learn

1. Framed

2. Applied