

# Praying With Paul

#1 ~ Ephesians 1:15-23 ~ *That we might know God better*

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## **Ephesians 1:15-23**

*15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

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### **What matters most?**

- We tend to pray for the things which matter most to us.
- Are our prayers too small?

### **Teach us how to pray...**

## **Ephesians 1:15-23**

- **"For this reason..."**
  - *God's sovereignty is a great incentive to pray*
- **THANKSGIVING comes first**
  - A good habit
  - I do not cease to give thanks to God for you.
- **PETITION comes next**
  - But what do you pray for a church which has already been blessed with every spiritual blessing?
    - *THAT THEY MAY KNOW GOD BETTER!*
  - **THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW...**
    - the hope to which they have been called
    - the riches of his glorious inheritance
    - the immeasurable greatness of his power