

# Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians



## READ IT:

<sup>15</sup> For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers; <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. <sup>18</sup> *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might <sup>20</sup> which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,

**EPHESIANS 1:15-20**

**The main point:** Paul gives thanks and praise to God for exercising His mighty power in raising Christ from the dead and exalting Him to be head over all things for the church.



## EXAMINE IT:

**Observation**—What do I see?

- Any repeated words? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who is the subject? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who is the object? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are the action verbs? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are the conjunctions? \_\_\_\_\_
- Any purpose clauses ("*so that*")? \_\_\_\_\_
- Any commands? \_\_\_\_\_



## OUTLINE IT:

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**Structure/Bones**—What are the important markers?

A. To Know God (*v.17*)

<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

B. To Know the Hope of God's Calling (*v.18a*)

<sup>18</sup> *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling...

C. To Know the Riches of God's Inheritance (*v.18b*)

<sup>18</sup> ...what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

D. To Know God's Power (*vv.19-20*)

<sup>19</sup> and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might <sup>20</sup> which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*.



## UNDERSTAND IT:

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**Interpretation**—What does it mean?

*Key words and theological and practical uses*

What are the key words and why do they matter?

What is the key doctrine(s) and what other passages support it?

What are the uses of this doctrine in everyday life?



**APPLY IT:**

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Choose which applications apply and how you will seek to practice it in your life today.

- What *instruction* does this text reinforce?
- What *error* does this text refute?
- What *duty* does this text require?
- What *prohibition* does this text forbid?
- What *examination* does this text call for?
- What *commitment* does this text declare?
- Is there an *example* to follow?
- Are there *commandments* to obey?
- Are there *errors* to avoid?
- Are there *sins* to forsake or confess?
- Are there *promises* to claim?
- Are there *principles* to implement?
- Are there *temptations* to resist?
- Are there *praises* to render?
- Are there *attitudes* to adjust?

**Write it here:** (bring it back with you next week to see if you applied it—I double-dog dare you!)

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