

PRAYER AND REVELATION

Ephesians 1:15-21

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

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“God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

John 4:24

Blessings in Christ (1:3-14):

God chose us, predestined us, lavished his grace on us, through his blood (life) redeemed us, forgave us, made known to us his plan for the cosmos, sealed us with the Holy Spirit, gave us a new identity and is working everything out in our lives towards us living into that new identity.

“Prayer is lifting mind and heart to God.”

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Ephesians 1:15-16

How Paul Prays:

- 1) Prayer is not crisis management
- 2) Prayer is not about circumstances

Paul sees prayer as adding fuel to fire.

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Ephesians 1:17

Prayer of Illumination:

Know the Hope (of calling)

Know the Riches (of community)

Know the Power (of resurrection)

The Christian Hope is about having the conviction that my present circumstances don't determine the meaning of my life.

...to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.

Isaiah 61:3