

EPHESIANS: BECOMING WHO WE ARE

"God's Incredible Resources"

Ephesians 1:15-23

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1. The Prayer

"He does not ask God to give them what they do not have, but rather that God will reveal to them what they already have!"

Warren Weirsbe

- **2.** The Praise v. 15
 - A. Your faith
 - B. Your love for all the saints
- 3. The Thanksgiving vs. 16
- **4.** The <u>Petition</u> vs. 17-23
 - A. That we might know Him better & deeper vs. 17
 - 2 Peter 1:3; Colossians 2:3; John 17:3; Philippians 3:10;
 - 1 Corinthians 13:9-12

"The Christian's primary need is for wisdom and obedience to appropriate the abundance of blessings the Lord has already given. Our problem is not a lack of blessings, but lack of insight and wisdom to understand and use them properly and faithfully. Our blessings are so vast that the human mind cannot comprehend them." John McArthur

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- B. That we might understand & experience vs. 18a 1 Corinthians 2:9-12; 2 Corinthians 4:6
 - 1) The <u>undeniable hope vs. 18b; I Peter 1:3</u>
 - 2) His unequalled riches vs. 18c; 1 Peter 1:3-9
 - 3) His <u>unrivaled power vs. 19; 2 Corinthians 4:7</u>
 - ✓ Resurrection power vs. 20a; Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - ✓ Kingly power vs. 20b; Matthew 26:64; Hebrews 1:3; Acts 5:30-31
 - ✓ <u>Sovereign</u> power vs. 21-22a Philippians 2:6-11; 1 Peter 3:22
 - ✓ <u>Headship</u> power vs. 22b-23

Our Response:

- 1) As you look at this passage on prayer (praise, thanksgiving, & petition or intercession), what did you learn & what might be missing in your prayer life? Make the needed adjustments this week.
- 2) Are you thankful to the Lord for fellow believers? Who could you encourage this week. Write it down and share with them this week!
- 3) What practical difference would it make in your life this week if you understood your hope, inheritance, and power better?
- 4) How do you know the power of God is at work in your life or not? Hint: transformation. How is your life being transformed right now?
- 5) How do you need to experience the power of God in your life today and this week?