

**PAUL'S PRAYER FOR KNOWLEDGE FOR THE CHURCH**  
(Ephesians 1:15-23) pt 2

**I. Paul's Prayer for the Saints at Ephesus (1:15-21)**

**A. "\_\_\_\_\_"... Transitioned Us Into Paul's Prayer Of Thanksgiving (1:15-16)**

\* What had Paul stated?

\*Why did Paul pray here? (1:15) (2 reasons could be noted):

- 1) Paul prayed because of the divine expenditure of \_\_\_\_\_ displayed & spoken of in vs 3-14
- 2) Paul's intercession for them was triggered by the work of God's grace in the hearts of these believers which was being evidenced by their \_\_\_\_\_ faith toward \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ love toward \_\_\_\_\_
  - So here in Ephesians 1:15-21 we see this section begins with the word, "*therefore*"... Here, Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ for them looks \_\_\_\_\_ in time at their \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (vs 4-14), while his \_\_\_\_\_ for them looks \_\_\_\_\_ for their spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of God's blessings in Christ (v17-21)!

**B. The Contents of Paul's Prayer (1:17-19a)**

**1. Generally (1:17)**

- a. As we have taught in the past, prayer in this dispensation is addressed to God the \_\_\_\_\_, in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_, but is to be offered in the power of the \_\_\_\_\_! (John 14:13-14; 16:13)
- What does the term "*Father of glory*" refer to?
  - b. Paul prays for a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- This knowledge is not just a \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge, but a deep, personal, \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of God. The kind of knowledge that comes from personal time spent together in \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- This is what salvation is all about:
  - To know God personally is \_\_\_\_\_! (John 17:3)
  - To know God increasingly is \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil. 3:10)
  - To know God perfectly will take standing before Him in \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 13:9-12)

**2. Specifically (1:18-19a) ... "that the eyes of your understanding be \_\_\_\_\_"**

- Who specifically does this enlightening? (1 Corinthians 2:9-12)
  - a. What are the \_\_\_\_\_ Paul prayed for? (3 things pertaining to the Church)
    - 1) What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_?
      - It helps to know that God has **called** us to \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ!
    - 2) What are the \_\_\_\_\_ of His glory of His \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_?
      - It helps to know this is not \_\_\_\_\_ inheritance \_\_\_\_\_ Christ,... but \_\_\_\_\_ inheritance in \_\_\_\_\_!
- What should this indicate to us?
  - 3) What is the exceeding greatness of His \_\_\_\_\_ to us who believe?
- How is this power described?
  - It is good to know we have exceeding great power \_\_\_\_\_ to us! This is of course \_\_\_\_\_ power available in \_\_\_\_\_ salvation to live the \_\_\_\_\_ life!
  - this power is the key asset \_\_\_\_\_ given to those who \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel!
  - keep in mind that \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of this power (Acts 1:8)
- What should this indicate to us?
- How does Paul show us what kind of power he means here? (1:20)
- What are the riches accomplish for the believer that Paul prays for here?