



We Are... Blessed

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ 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. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Series Thoughts...

We are SAVED on purpose and for a purpose.

The more that we understand about our SALVATION the greater our love for Jesus and God the Father ought to grow.

Prayerful Reasons

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The Ephesians demonstrated God's work in them by two distinct ways:

Their FAITH in Jesus.

Their LOVE for God's people.

After explaining everything God has done for them, Paul is compelled to PRAY for them.

¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy Philipians 1:3-4

Prayerful Requests

*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,*

Paul highlights the fact that the holy spirit doesn't just work in our salvation, but he also 'ENLIGHTENS' our hearts so we can feel its effects.

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 1 Corinthians 2:10

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"— the things God has prepared for those who love him—
¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come

from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

His prayer is that the Ephesians would have more than just head-knowledge type faith but find its root in their HEART.

Truth that is in our head is called Knowledge but truth that is in our heart is called TRUE truth.

Hope- confident expectation of GOOD based on God’s promises.

*the **riches of his glorious inheritance** in his holy people,*

Paul reveals that we are not only receiving an inheritance but that WE are God’s inheritance.

*“For the Lord’s portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance.”
Deuteronomy 32:9*

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. John 6:39

7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. Revelation 21

¹⁹ and his **incomparably great power** for us who believe.

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We often frantically look for what we already POSSESS.

The power that is given to us is not necessarily meant to change THE WORLD but to enable us to live out our new identity in Christ.

²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Which Part of Paul's Prayer do you need most:

Help to understand and feel His hope more.

Help me to understand my value and worth to God.

Help me to feel God's power in my life.