

THAT WE MIGHT KNOW GOD'S AWESOME POWER

(Ephesians 1:15-19)

I. INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

II. THE BELIEVER'S POSITION IN CHRIST (1:3-3:21)

A. Spiritual Blessings in Christ (1:3-14)

B. Intercession for the Saints (1:15-21)

1. The Cause for this Intercession (vv. 15-16)

a. Paul had heard good things regarding the believers in Ephesus, namely their _____ and their _____ for _____ the saints. (v. 15)

b. In light of this encouraging news, Paul did not stop in _____ to the Lord for these _____ Christians. (v. 16)

2. The Content of this Intercession (vv. 17-19a)

a. The apostle prayed to God the Father, the _____ of _____. (v. 17a)

b. He prayed that these believers would be given the "*spirit of* _____ *and* _____" and this was to be in the _____ of the Lord. (v. 17b)

* The believers in Ephesus needed these things from the Spirit of God, but do you personally see your need for them?

* As Americans who are often preoccupied with our own interests and problems, isn't it true that our prayers can be rather self-centered?

- c. The eyes of their mind had already been _____ (*perf./pass./indic.*)
by the Holy Spirit the day they got _____. (v. 18a)

* Is there a difference between being “enlightened” and being “illuminated”?

- d. Paul prayed that because of their enlightenment that these Christians (and us by way of application) should know...

1) what is the hope of _____ of our _____. (v. 18b)

2) what are the _____ of the glory of His _____ (v. 18c)

3) what is the greatness of His _____ working in us (v. 19)

* How can you personally apply this passage today?