

I. Intro

A. Text: **Eph. 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup> Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (**Eph. 1:15-23**)

B. Recap

II. Points of Intercession

A. Spirit of Wisdom & Revelation (**Eph. 1:17**)

1. Derived from the Knowledge of God

B. Eyes of Our Understanding Being Enlightened (**Eph. 1:18**)

1. To know the hope of His calling (**v. 18b**)

- a. Biblical hope is “certain expectation and anticipation”.
- b. Our hope is a person (Jesus) and He is our certain anticipation.

i. Tit. 2:13-14: “*Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*”

2. To know the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

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- a. Not only has God laid up an inheritance for us, but God has laid up an inheritance in us.
- b. The inheritance of God is a people... that is set apart exclusively for Himself.

C. To Know the Exceeding Greatness of His power toward those who believe. (**Eph. 1:19a**)

- 1. It's the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to those who believe. (**Eph. 1:19b**)
- 2. It's the same power that's on display when the Father sat Jesus at His right hand. (**Eph. 1:20**)
  - a. Where Jesus is seated, God has seated us there too..
    - i. **Eph. 2:4-6:** *<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup>and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*
- 3. It's the same power that placed Jesus above every other power, might, dominion... (**Eph. 1:21a**)
  - a. His name is above every other name (**Eph. 1:21b**)
    - i. In this age and in the age to come. (**Eph. 1:21c**)
  - b. God the Father put all things under the feet of Jesus (**Eph. 1:22**)
  - c. Jesus is the head over all things to the church.
- 4. The church (His body) embodies the fullness of Christ.