



Route 66 Ephesians

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**What are you thankful for today? Do you thank God?
When and what do you find yourselves praying for?
Do you have a model for prayer? A.C.T.S.**

After sharing about all the blessings we have, Paul continues the intro sharing about how he has been praying for the Ephesians.

Ephesians 1:15-16

“For this reason, (Verse 13-14) ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you...”

What is Paul thankful for?

Who around you are you thankful for?

Who has been honoring God by placing their faith in Him?

Who is growing around you?

What is God doing, how is he working around you right now?

Ephesians 1:16-23

*“...remembering you in my prayers. 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.** 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, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.** That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 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. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”*

1. Prayer for the Spirit of wisdom & revelation.

So that you may know God Better!

Why is knowing God so important?

John 15 – *Remaining, being present in the relationship.*

John 17:3

“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

2 Timothy 2:15

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

John 10:14

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

John 10:27-30

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

2. Prayer for the eyes of our hearts to be enlightened.

So that we may know the hope we have. The hope that we belong to God, are co-heirs with Christ.

What would change if we really believed & knew that Jesus was our Hope? That no one could snatch us out of his hand?

3. That we know the Power we have through the Holy Spirit.

Do you know what it means to have the power of the Holy Spirit living in us?

Romans 8:10-11

“But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”