

# Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 1:15-23  
Praying for you...

## Warm up question:

- How did you learn to pray? What's the best advice you've been given regarding prayer?

## Read Ephesians 1:15-23

1. Why has Paul *not stopped giving thanks and remembering* the Ephesians in his prayers? (vs. 15)
2. What do you think is the significance of the Ephesians having *faith in the Lord Jesus and love for all God's people*?
3. Paul uses 'magnificent' language throughout this prayer. What words does he use? Why might he be using this type of language?
4. What does Paul ask God for in verse 17? Why does he ask for these things?
5. What does Paul ask God for in verses 18-19? Why does he ask for these things?
6. What does Paul tell us about the power that has been given to believers? (vs. 19-20)
7. List all the things that Paul writes about Jesus in verses 19-23.
8. What is the significance of Jesus being seated at the right hand of God?
9. Why must Jesus always be the head of the church?
10. What is the significance of us (the church) being the body of Christ? (vs. 23)
11. What is your overall feeling of this passage? How would you sum it up?

## Rubber hits the road:

- How does this prayer challenge the way you pray?
- Spend some time in prayer, following Paul's pattern of prayer from this passage.

## PRAYER

*God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, we thank you for your Spirit who reveals to us who you are. Thank you for the hope of your calling and for the fact that we are your glorious inheritance. Thank you for your great power that is for our good and for making this power known to us through the resurrection of Christ. Thank you for being fully present in your church, and for making your presence known through your church for the blessing of all people. Help me I pray, to know you better as I live each day in confident hope of your glory. All praise and glory be to you God of majesty. Amen.*

