

## Prayer for Understanding

Ephesians 1:15-23

August 2, 2020

There are \_\_\_\_\_ prayers in this letter. The first is in the passage we will study this morning (“that you may \_\_\_\_\_”). The second is in the third chapter (“that you may \_\_\_\_\_”). The first is for \_\_\_\_\_, the second is for \_\_\_\_\_. Paul prays that we might know what Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ for us, and he then prays that we might live up to these wonderful blessing and put them to \_\_\_\_\_ in our daily lives.

A. That God may give you \_\_\_\_\_ understanding (vv. 17-18a)

1. Spiritual truths must be spiritually \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Cor. 2:9-16).
2. This understanding can come \_\_\_\_\_ from the Holy Spirit.
  - a. He \_\_\_\_\_ the Word.
  - b. He alone can \_\_\_\_\_ us what it says.

B. That you might know the \_\_\_\_\_ of His calling (v. 18b)

1. This hope depends on God’s \_\_\_\_\_, not on our goodness.
2. The Christian who does not know his calling will have difficulty walking \_\_\_\_\_ of that calling.

C. That you might know the \_\_\_\_\_ of His inheritance (v. 18c).

1. We not only have an inheritance \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, but we are an inheritance \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.
2. The word “riches” appears \_\_\_\_\_ in Ephesians.

- a. Suggests there is nothing \_\_\_\_\_, nothing that we need.
- b. Believers \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord when they learn how much they \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and then start living to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to His heart.

D. That you might know His \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19)

1. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is \_\_\_\_\_ for our daily lives!
  - a. Christ has already won the \_\_\_\_\_ over sin, death, the world, and Satan.
  - b. God’s people do not fight \_\_\_\_\_ victory but \_\_\_\_\_ victory.
2. These blessings are \_\_\_\_\_ for those who meet the conditions in Ephesians 1:1-2.
  - a. Living saints (not \_\_\_\_\_ ones) are those who have placed their faith in Christ.
  - b. Saints are “set-apart ones” who have \_\_\_\_\_ God’s grace and now enjoy God’s peace.

E. That you might \_\_\_\_\_ His position (vv. 20-23)

1. In heaven – He occupies the exalted place at the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of the Father Himself.
2. On earth – He has been appointed \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.