

EPHESIANS - Chapters 1-3 - The believer's wealth in Christ



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Today we examine Paul's prayer for the Ephesian church. It is directly connected with the spiritual blessings of verses 3-14; this prayer flows from those blessings and should be considered as an integral part of our instruction. Here in verses 15-23 his expressions are deeply passionate, which also testify of the _____ of such petitions. Paul's prayer is that the saints will see these truths and comprehend them in such a way as to revolutionize their character and conduct. Therefore, it is a _____ prayer for us — a pattern of prayer for our church in light of the spiritual blessings we so richly receive in Christ.

EPHESIANS 1:15-23 - A model prayer for our church

1. Paul prays for the Ephesian church - Ephesians 1:15-16

- a. It is a prayer connected to spiritual blessings...“ _____ ” - verse 15

Seven spiritual blessings of Ephesians 1:3-14:

- 1) *God has chosen us to be holy and without blame before him in love - verse 4*
- 2) *God has adopted us as his children - verse 5*
- 3) *God has made us accepted in the beloved - verse 6*
- 4) *Jesus Christ has redeemed us - verse 7*
- 5) *Jesus Christ has made known the mystery of his will - verses 8-10*
- 6) *Jesus Christ has given us an inheritance - verses 11-12*
- 7) *The Holy Spirit has sealed us - verses 13-14*

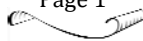
- b. It is a prayer of _____ for a faithful and loving local church - verse 16

2. How to pray for our church - Ephesians 1:17-23

- a. Five key prayer _____ - verses 17-19

1) That God the Father would give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the _____ of him - verse 17

2) That the eyes of our _____ would be enlightened - verse 18a



3) That we may _____ what is the _____ of his calling – verse 18b

4) That we may _____ the _____ of the glory of his inheritance – verse 18c

5) That we may _____ the exceeding greatness of his _____ – verse 19

b. The _____ of these requests – verses 20-23

- The one seated at the right hand of God the Father – verse 20
- The one far above all principality, power, might and dominion – verse 21
- The one far above every name that is named, in this world and the one to come – verse 21
- The one with all things under his feet – verse 22
- The one who is the head over all things to the church – verse 22
- The one that filleth all in all – verse 23

