

## PRAYING LIKE PAUL

### PLP-11 “Three Great Truths” Pt2

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**EPH 1:16-20** “I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,<sup>17</sup> [SO THAT] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you [spiritual wisdom and revelation] in the knowledge of him...”  
<sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened,

[SO THAT] you may know:

- what is the hope to which he has called you...
- what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints...
- <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe...
  - according to the working of his great might...
  - <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead...
  - and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places...

### The Sum of Paul's Prayers

Paul set his heart to “remember” the Saints in Ephesus (and I am sure in all his Churches). And at every remembrance of them, he “continued in prayer” for their growth unto “spiritual maturity”.

His use of “SO THAT... may give... may know... and having” show that this “spiritual maturity” is the result of “spiritual wisdom and revelation; the knowledge of Christ; and enlightenment of the heart.”

The realization of these will allow the Believers to “see” 3 Great Truths that will bring the confidence, stability, inspiration, and encouragement to fulfil God's purpose for their lives.

If we consider an overview of this section, VERSES 17-20, we can see it as a “process... a formula” that leads to a goal or summation. What is that?

### THREE GREAT TRUTHS...

- 1) **Vs 18B** [So that you may know] “What is the Hope to which He has called you...” Every Believer has a “calling” that leads to the fulfillment for God's purpose for our Lives

The “Hope” we have is that we may understand and walk in the “calling / purpose / plan” God has for our lives

- 2) **Vs 18c** [So that you may know] “What are the riches of His glorious inheritance [realized] in the Saints...”

The Riches... – an abundance of possessions – “Filthy Rich” -

HIS Glorious Inheritance ... -Notice it is HIS ... not Ours – What HE has inherited as the consequence of His victory over sin and death...

IN the Saints... – “That are Realized in...” – The Believers

Our position realized because of HIS Inheritance:

**EPH 2:4-7** “But GOD, ... made us alive together with CHRIST...<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him... and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in CHRIST JESUS,<sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us IN CHRIST JESUS”

- a. Our Position – **EPH 2:6** He has “seated us with him in the heavenly places in CHRIST JESUS...”

**EPH 1:22-23** And He put all things under his feet and gave him as Head over all things to the Church,<sup>23</sup> which is His Body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

- b. Our Presence – **COL 3:2-3** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.<sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with CHRIST in GOD.

**COL 1:12** “...giving thanks to the FATHER, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the Saints in light.”

- c. Our Possession – **ROM 8:32** He who did not spare His own SON but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

**COL 2:9-10** For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,<sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

3) Vs 19-20 [So that you may know] *“What is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe...”*

- a. *“the immeasurable greatness of His power...”* – **“Dunamis”** – *supernatural inherent ability -*
- b. *“according to the working...”* – **“Energiea”** – *Energy that produces results -*
- c. *“of his great might...”* – **“Kratos”** – *Power that rules / dominates -*
- d. *“that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead...”* – **“Energiea”** – *Energy that has accomplished its purpose -*