

PRAYING LIKE PAUL

PLP-12 “Three Great Truths” Pt3

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EPH 1:16-20 “I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,¹⁷ [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...”
¹⁸ 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...
- what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe
 - according to the working of his great might...
 - ²⁰ 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 EPHEUS (and in all his Churches). And at every remembrance of them, he “continued in prayer” for their growth unto “spiritual maturity”, bringing confidence, stability, inspiration, and encouragement to fulfil God's purpose for their lives.

THREE GREAT TRUTHS ...

- 1) Vs 18b [So that you may know] “What is the Hope to which He has called you...” 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...”
What HE has inherited as the consequence of His victory over sin and death ... and how that Inheritance is realized in the Believers because of their position “IN CHRIST”
- 3) Vs 19-20 [So that you may know] “What is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe...”
Paul's desire in his prayers was for the Believers to realize their Security they have in Christ and the Victory they can walk in...

- a. “the immeasurable greatness of His power...” – “Dunamis” – supernatural inherent ability – God did not need any help in “raising” Christ from the Dead... His “Dunamis” is ever available and fully capable
- b. “according to the working...” – “Energieia” – Energy that produces results – His display of energy accomplished its purpose
- c. “of his great might...” – “Kratos” – Power that rules / dominates – GOD has “dominion over ALL...” From HIS Ruling Position (K) HE displayed His Great Power (D) Accomplishing (E) His desire...
- d. “that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead...” – “Energieo” – Energy that has accomplished its purpose – ALL of this “POWER” was on Full Display as God PRODUCED (E) the RESURRECTION JESUS FROM THE DEAD

THE ARM OF THE LORD

DEUT 5:15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

- MIGHTY HAND...OUTSTRETCHED ARM - Repeated 12 x's in the OT
- He created the Earth and Stars with His Hand and fingers... It was ARM OF THE LORD that RAISED JESUS [out-from among] THE DEAD

THE SIGNIFICANCE TO US

WHY was it important for Paul to Pray this for the Saints ... FURTHER
WHY was it important for God to inspire Paul to write this in the LETTER?

EPH 2:1: 5-6 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...⁵ made us alive TOGETHER WITH CHRIST—by Grace you Have Been Saved—⁶ and raised us up WITH HIM and seated us WITH HIM in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

COL 2:13-14 “And you, who were dead in your trespasses, GOD has made alive together with HIM, having forgiven us all our trespasses... by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This HE set aside, nailing it to the cross.”