



## #2. New Prayer

### Two Hallmarks of a Healthy Church.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love<sup>[6]</sup> toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, Eph 1:15-16 [ESV]

1. FAITH In The Lord Jesus.

*“New Testament faith is about allegiance & loyalty to King Jesus”*

2. LOVE For One Other.

*“Love is a commitment to act for the well-being of others ahead of your own.”*

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know... Eph 1:17-18 [ESV]

- Paul Does Not Pray For Their CIRCUMSTANCES

*“Paul prays that their circumstances, good or bad would open up new levels of growth and maturity in them as they see how Jesus is present with them through the Spirit.”*

### Three Specific New Realizations

having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might Eph 1:18-19 [ESV]

1. The HOPE To Which You Are Called.

*“Christian hope is rooted in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ”*

2. The Riches Of HIS Glorious Inheritance In The Saints.

*“It’s not our inheritance- we are God’s inheritance.”*

3. The Immeasurable Greatness Of His POWER Towards Us.

that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. Eph 1:20-21 [ESV]

- Power That Transforms Death Into RESURRECTED Life

“The Story Of ‘The Age To Come’ Has Actually Come Crashing In To Our Present  
In The Person of Jesus”

- Power That Seated Jesus ABOVE All Else

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. Eph 1:22-23[ESV]

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles. Check out our life Group page at <https://www.waipunachapel.com/life-groups/> and get connected.

- How would you describe your prayer life? Is it a joy or a labor? Explain
- How much of your prayer life involves petitioning God to change your circumstance or the circumstance of others?

## Read Ephesians 1: 15-23.

- What strikes you most about Paul’s prayer for the Ephesian believers?
- Paul prays that God would give them “*the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him*”. What do you think that means ? Why do you think wisdom & revelation are essential for us to know Jesus?
- How does knowing Jesus give us eyes to see things differently?
- Paul prays that the Believers may know three things. What are they? (See vs 18-19)
- Which of these three things resonates with you most?
- Why do you think it is so important that we know and understand the “*immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe*”?
- What qualifiers does Paul mention in verse 20 that helps us understand the kind of power that is available to us.
- Paul tells us that God’s power has raised Jesus “*far above all rule and authority and power and dominion.*” What do you understand that to mean? How does that knowledge impact the way you see and understand the spiritual world?
- Take some time to pray with and for your group members. Use this prayer as a model for how you pray for each other

Source:

Tim Mackie “Ephesians - All Things New” <https://bibleproject.com/>

William Barclay “Daily Study Bible – Ephesians”

David Guzik ” <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/ephesians-1/>

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