

Praying for Life Changing Clarity

Ephesians 1:15-23

Thesis: Growing in our knowledge of God and understanding of what we already have in Christ is vital for how we live. Let us, therefore, follow Paul's lead and pray such things for one another.

I. Thanksgiving for God's Work of Conversion (15-16a)

- A. Thanking God for His sovereign work of election (1:3-16)
- B. Thanking God for faith in Christ (15-16)
- C. Thanking God for faith corroborating love (15-16)

II. Intercession for Growth in the Knowledge of God (17-23)

- A. Pray for Spirit given wisdom and revelation/illumination that leads to deeper knowledge of God (17)
- B. Pray for spiritual illumination that leads to being gripped by three key truths (17-23)
 - 1. We have a blessed eternal hope (18a)
 - 2. We are God's glorious inheritance (18b)
 - 3. We have God's immeasurable power available to us (19-23)