## **EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

- I. Occasion for this Prayer vs.15
- II. Nature of this Prayer vs.15, 16
- III. Object of this Prayer vs.17
- IV. Request of this Prayer vs.17-19
- V. Revelation of this Prayer vs.20-23
- I. Occasion for this Prayer vs.15
  - A. Occasioned by what Paul heard

"wherefore" -gr. on this account - based on what is stated about our great Salvation. vs.3-14

B. Occasioned by faith (their) and Love (toward others)

"your faith" – the down among you faith – a day by day living faith

Which results in evidence of love "agape" – towards brethren

"On account of this, I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord

Jesus Christ which is among you, and of your love to all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you as I constantly make mention of you in my prayers." - literal translation

- II. Nature of this Prayer vs.15, 16
  - A. Praise For the spiritual blessing to the saints vs.13, 14
    - 1. wrought for them
    - 2. wrought in them
    - 3. wrought through them
  - B. Petition Phil.4:6; Col.4:2

Praise gives wings to our petition Psa.34:1,4; II Thess.2:13; I Thess. 3:9

He (Paul) requested further blessing for them (you)

III. Object of this Prayer vs.17

"The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory..."

- IV. Request of this Prayer vs.17-19
  - A. He will give unto you the spirit of wisdom and Revelation in the

knowledge of Him

- 1. Not secular wisdom or knowledge these can be learned
- 2. But Spiritual wisdom and knowledge can only come from God's Word and His Holy Spirit
- B. He will cause you to know what is the Hope of His calling 1:3-7

## SALVATION IS NOT THE END, BUT THE BEGINNING OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Saved for a purpose – Justification; Sanctification; Glorifications

Growing through the Word – I Peter 2:1-3; Heb.5:12-14; 6:1

Hope: Expectation of what we were called to receive and to be

Eph.5;27; Phil.3:10-14; Col.3:1-4

C. Know what is the Riches of the Glory of His Inheritance in the saints

GOD GAVE US TO CHRIST cf. Gen.2:18

Woman for man, man for woman, Christ for saints, Saints for Christ

We are an inheritance of Glorious riches Psalm 47:7

D. Know the Greatness of His Power

Red Sea Crossing proof to Israel of His power

Resurrection proof of His Power cf. 2:1; Phil.3:20,21

- 1. Power over Temptation Eph.6:10; I Cor.10:13
- 2. Power to live mature in Christ Heb.13:20,21; Phil.1:16 BELIEVE IT!!! LIVE IT!!!
- V. Revelation of this Prayer vs.20-23
  - A. He is seated in Heaven with Father vs.20
  - B. He is above and over all angels and demons and Satan vs.21
  - C. He is Victor over all things in the Universe vs.22a; I Cor.15:24-28
  - D. He is Head of / over the Church His body vs.22b, 23a
  - E. He is the fullness of God vs.23b

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ALL GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE?