

## Believers Together: Discovering the Word – December 21st, 2022

### Discovering the Book of Ephesians

# Thanksgiving and Prayer—Ephesians 1:15–23

Topics:

Authority, Body, Church, Creation, Faith, God, Heaven, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Love, Power, Prayer, Thankfulness

#### Open It

1. For what do you thank God on a daily basis?
2. How do you show that you are thankful for those around you?

#### Ephesians 1:15–23 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,  
<sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,  
<sup>17</sup>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,  
<sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, 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,  
<sup>21</sup>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.  
<sup>22</sup>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.

#### Explore It

3. What motivated Paul to pray for the Ephesians? (1:15–16)
4. What is the purpose of having wisdom and revelation? (1:17)
5. Why did Paul ask that the Ephesians' hearts would continue to be enlightened? (1:18)
6. What kind of help is available to all Christians? (1:19–20)
7. How does God's power reach across time? (1:21)
8. What did God place under Christ's control? (1:22)
9. What appointment did God give Christ? (1:22)
10. What is the church's relationship to Christ? (1:22–23)

#### Get It

11. How can you encourage growth in other Christians?
12. How do you know that Christ's power is sufficient for your life?
13. How does the knowledge of God's authority and control make you secure?

**Apply It**

14. What people in need could you remember in your prayers this week?