

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NASB)

¹⁵ For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you in my prayers*; ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

¹⁸ *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

20/20 Vision

In Ephesians 1:15-23, Paul prays that we would be gripped with two spiritual realities which will impact every aspect of our life in Christ.

I. Paul prays that we will be gripped with the reality of _____ (vs.15-17).

A. Introduction to the prayer (vs.15-16)

B. The prayer (vs.17) “that the God may give to you”:

1. a spirit of wisdom
2. and of revelation
3. in the knowledge of Him.

C. How the first reality can impact our Christian life.

II. Paul prays that we would be gripped with the reality of our _____ in Christ (vs.18-23).

A. The prayer (vs.18^a) “that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened”

B. The threefold purpose (vs.18^b-23) – “so that you will know”

1. what is the hope of His calling,
2. what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
3. and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

C. How the second reality can impact our Christian life.