

Paul's Prayer For The Ephesians

Ephesians 1:15-20

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Compare:

- ▶ Ephesians 1:15-20
- ▶ Philippians 1:9-11
- ▶ Colossians 1:9-12

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That They Might Know God. Verse 17

- ▶ More important than human wisdom. cf. Jeremiah 9:23-24
- ▶ Eternal life. John 17:3
- ▶ Failure leads to everlasting destruction. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
- ▶ Comes by revelation. cf. John 16:13; 1 John 2:3-6

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That They Might Know The Hope Of God's Calling. Verse 18

- ▶ "In Christ" we are "called" by the gospel. 2 Thessalonians 2:14
- ▶ Called into His own kingdom & glory. 1 Thessalonians 2:12
- ▶ Called out of darkness into light. 1 Peter 2:5-10

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- ▶ "Hope" – Desire with expectation.
- ▶ Note: verses 4-5
 - To be "holy" and "without blemish."
 - To be "adopted" as sons.
- ▶ Importance of hope. Romans 8:24-25; 1 Peter 1:3-4; Hebrews 6:18-19

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That They Might Know The Riches Of God's Inheritance. Verse 18

- ▶ Adoption as sons. Ephesians 1:5
- ▶ Heritage (ASV). Ephesians 1:11; 1 Peter 2:9-10
- ▶ Heirs. Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:4-7; 3:26-29
- ▶ Unsearchable riches. Ephesians 3:8

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**That They Might Know The "Exceeding
Greatness" Of The Power Of God.
Verses 19-20**

Same power that:

- ▶ Raised Jesus from the dead.
- ▶ Seated Him at His right hand.
- ▶ Forgives sin. Ephesians 2:1-6; cf. Matthew 9:2-8
- ▶ Makes you strong. Ephesians 3:16-20; 6:10-13

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That they might know:

- ▶ God
- ▶ The hope of His calling.
- ▶ The riches of God's inheritance.
- ▶ The power of God.

- ▶ Yet, he writes of these things in this epistle!

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- ▶ **Before growth, there must be life!**
- ▶ **Have you been "made alive together with Christ"?**

cf. Ephesians 2:5-6; Colossians 2:12-13

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