



Ephesians – The Gospel Unites
A Prayer for the Spirit to Open Our Eyes
Ephesians 1:15-23
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Discussion and Application Questions

1. Paul mentions his continual prayers for those who have faith in the Lord Jesus and love the saints. Why is intercessory prayer important in the life of a Christian and in the life of a church community?
2. Paul prays for the Spirit to open the eyes of our heart that we may know our God, God's inheritance, and God's power. Why does he pray for the Holy Spirit to open our eyes rather than just pray for our eyes to be opened?
3. According to Ephesians 1:17-18, what is Paul's prayer regarding knowledge and enlightenment for the Ephesians? Why is spiritual wisdom and revelation crucial for believers?
4. Hope and Inheritance: Verse 18 talks about the hope to which believers are called and the glorious inheritance in the saints. How does understanding our hope in Christ influence our perspective on life and the future?
5. In Ephesians 1:19-21, Paul describes the immeasurable greatness of God's power toward believers. How does this power manifest in the lives of believers today? How does it relate to the resurrection and exaltation of Christ?
6. Paul speaks of the immeasurable greatness of God's power toward us who believe. Think on the phrase "toward you." How are some ways that you have seen God's power at work toward you in your turning from sin and temptation and turning toward faith and joy?
7. Ephesians 1:22 speaks about Christ being the head over all things to the church. What does it mean practically for the church to recognize Christ's authority and leadership?
8. Paul's prayer drives to the heart of the person. Do your prayers tend to stay in the realm of circumstances, or do you tend to pray for the deep level of the Spirit's work in the heart? Does this prayer prompt you to change any of the things you pray for?
9. What does this prayer highlight as the greatest need for the church? How can you commit to praying for Solid Rock in this way?