

User's Guide to Paul Praying—Ephesians 1:15-23

Faith, Love, and a Prayer for Understanding

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, ¹⁶ I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, ¹⁷ asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. ¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope He has given to those He called—His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance.

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now He is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. ²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the church. ²³ And the church is His body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with Himself.

Characteristics of a Healthy Church

Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere... v. 15

1. Strong _____.

"Belief and hope in God that is not easily stopped or hindered by the world or the enemy"

2. _____ for others.

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. **John 13:34-35**

If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness.

1 John 2:9

Paul's Prayer Life

I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God...v. 16-17

Thankful

Constant

Expectant

Paul's Prayer for the Church

To Understand _____.

"...to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God." v. 17

To Understand our _____.

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope He has given to those He called—His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance. v. 18

To Understand His _____.

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. v. 19

Raised Jesus from the dead!

This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead.... v. 19-20

Seated Him far above all else!

...and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. v. 20

Over all things!

Now He is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the church. v. 21-22

Look at what this does for the Church v. 23 _____!

Answers:
Faith, Love, Him, Hope, Power, Full and Complete

August

- Mon., 6th** Youth Spirit Night at Sonny's BBQ all day Monday
- Wed., 8th** Youth Summer Hangouts at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
A Time to Pray 6:30 pm —7:00 pm in the Faith room
Youth Night at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Kids Ministry at 6:30 pm upstairs in the children's area
Daniel Bible Study at 7:00 pm—8:00 pm in the Faith room
- Sun., 12th** Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center
Teacher Appreciation Sunday
- Mon., 13th** Students Back to School
Pray for Teacher and Students
- Wed., 15th** Youth Summer Hangouts at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
A Time to Pray 6:30 pm —7:00 pm in the Faith room
Youth Night at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Kids Ministry at 6:30 pm upstairs in the children's area
Daniel Bible Study at 7:00 pm—8:00 pm in the Faith room
- Sun., 19th** Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center

Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget
\$ 12,857.00

Weekly Offering
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