

Prayer Power! - Ephesians 1:15-23
The Amazing Words of Jesus' Followers

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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 the 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.

A. Paul's Prayer Requests - He prays for his readers to know 4 things.

1. To know Him

2. To know the hope of His calling

3. To know the riches of His glory in the saints

4. To know the surpassing *greatness* of His *power* toward us who believe.

B. Paul's Prayer Power - these are in accordance with the working of the *strength* of His *might*.

1. Jesus resurrection - v. 19 - 20 "*These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead..."

2. Jesus exaltation v.20-21 *“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.”*

3. Jesus personification v. 22-23 *“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.”*