

**PAUL'S PRAYER FOR KNOWLEDGE FOR THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS**

(Ephesians 1:15-23) pt1

- What is our position in Christ?

**I. Paul's Prayer for the Saints at Ephesus (1:15-16)**

**It begins with the word...**

**A. " \_\_\_\_\_ " ... Transitions Us Into Paul's Prayer Of Thanksgiving (1:15)**

- What was Paul so thankful for?
- What were the *blessings* mentioned in these verses?

\* What had Paul heard?

1) He had heard of their \_\_\_\_\_ via their \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (1:15)

Prayer usually consists of 4 elements:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ – needed to get back into fellowship with God if need be (1 Cor. 11:28-29; Psalm 66:18; 1 John 1:9)
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ – having an attitude of gratitude (Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18)
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ – praying on behalf of another (Eph. 6:18-19)
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ – making request of God for something (John 15:7, 16)

\*Why did Paul pray here? (1:15)

- They had faith toward God \_\_\_\_\_, which spilled over as love for one another \_\_\_\_\_ !

1) \_\_\_\_\_ in all 3 tenses comes through \_\_\_\_\_

- In phase 2, The Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is lived by \_\_\_\_\_ as well
- We are directed to \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 5:8)
- When we walk by faith we enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ by means of the H.S. empowerment!
- One day we will be saved from sin's \_\_\_\_\_.

2) He had heard of their \_\_\_\_\_ for all the saints.

- Why are these elements important to recognize?

### **B. Paul's Commendation And Prayer For The Ephesians Believers (1:15-16)**

1. This was a prayer of " \_\_\_\_\_ " ... "*I do not cease to give thanks...*"

2. The *objects* of Paul's prayer was ... " \_\_\_\_\_ " – the believer's at Ephesus

3. He did not \_\_\_\_\_ for them!

- What does all this mean to us today?