

Ephesians Bible Study

Lesson 5 Questions / Ephesians 1:15-23

Pray for the Holy Spirit to Guide you through this week's lesson.

What role does prayer play in your daily life?

How much do you feel that your prayers are guided by the Word of God: very little, somewhat, or a lot? Explain.

Read Ephesians 1:15-23

As Paul concludes his marvelous introduction sentence describing the magnificent blessings of being in Christ, his heart naturally flows to prayer for his beloved church family.

1. According to verse 15 what two things had Paul been hearing about the church at Ephesus that proved the genuineness of their faith?

2. Faith in the **Lord** Jesus is noted here by Paul, and we should take note of it also. Using a Bible dictionary if you have one, write out the meaning of the following words.

Faith (Greek word: *pistis*)

Lord (Greek word: *kurios*)

3. In a day and age where the lordship of Christ is often underplayed or even denied, it is important to be firm on the essential aspects of saving belief. Jesus Christ is not only Savior, He is Lord. Using the following verses write down truths you observe about the lordship of Christ. (Rom. 10:9-13, Matt. 28:18-19, Luke 9:57-62, Acts 2:32-39)

4. The believers Paul was praying for also displayed “**love toward _____ the saints.**” Using these verses, describe what this type of love really looks like? James 2:2-9, Rom. 12:9-21 _____

5. After reflecting on the genuineness of the believers’ faith, Paul moves into the heart of his prayer found in vs 17-18a. According to these verses what 3 qualities did they need if they were going to truly come to know God more? (Keep in mind the knowledge he prays for is an intimate, relational knowledge) _____

6. Using the following verses, write down briefly truths you observe about each quality.

Wisdom (Greek word used is *sophia* which means insight into the true nature of things)
I Cor. 2:14,3:18-21 _____

I Cor 2:9-12 _____

Prov. 9:10, Col. 3:16 _____

James 1:5 _____

Revelation (Greek word used is *apokupsis* which means disclosure, communication)

Daniel 2:47 _____

Matt.16:16-17 _____

Gal. 1:15-16 _____

Col. 1:26-27 _____

Enlightenment (Greek word used is *photiza* which means to illumine or give light)

Psalms 18:28

Psalms 119:130

John 1:9-13

7. As Paul goes further in his prayer we see him get very specific. The metaphor he uses “*they eyes of your heart*” largely reveals that Paul is praying for their minds to truly understand and experience what God had done in salvation; namely “the _____ to which he had called them, the riches of his glorious _____ in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of his _____ toward us who believe.”
8. Using the following verses write down brief truths regarding these concepts. (Because we covered the concept of inheritance in lesson 4 we will only discuss in class.)

The Hope of His Calling

Rom. 8:30

Rom. 11:29

2 Cor. 1:20-22

Heb.6:17-20

The Immeasurable Greatness of His Power for Believers

Acts 1:8

Eph. 3:20

Ephesians 1:19b-20, 2:4-6

I Thess. 1:4-5

9. Paul concludes with one final request: that the believers would be given a deep understanding of the greatness and majesty of the Person who has secured and empowered their salvation, and who lives within them- Jesus Christ! Read verses 20-23 and write down truths that reveal Christ as the “King of King and Lord of Lords!” (Rev. 19:16)_____

Application Questions

How does the fact that Paul prays this way for his beloved challenge you to think differently about the way you pray for yourself and others?_____

Many people ask God to grant them more power in their spiritual lives, assuming that they have a need. Is that prayer Biblical? Why is it notable Paul prays for the believers to know God’s power, rather than to receive more of God’s power? Why does this matter? Use verses to support your answer 😊_____

How should the truth that Jesus is exalted over all (1:20-23) impact your daily decisions? In what areas do you need to submit to his Lordship more fully?_____