

Ephesians 1:15-23

1:15 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,

1:16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers;

1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

1:18 *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,

1:19 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

1:20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,

1:21 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.

1:22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

1:23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Questions Ephesians 1:15-23

Having just described God's incredible work on our behalf, Paul now describes both his thanksgiving for the spiritual lives of the Ephesians and his prayer for them: that they would be able to fully comprehend all that is true of them as Christians. Paul's confidence in God's ability to work rests on nothing less than His demonstration of strength in raising His son.

1. What is theme of the prayer (v. 15-19)?
2. How does Paul pray for that theme in the lives of the Ephesians?
3. What is Paul thankful for? What does he pray for specifically?
4. How is that theme demonstrated in what God did in the life of Christ? (v. 20-23)
5. Summarize the main points and subpoints of your observations about chapter 1. What are the implications of those points?