

What You Need To Know

(Ephesians 1:15-23)

- i. This passage is a prayer.
 - a. For the Ephesians and for us – God’s Word.
 - b. Not praying for God to give us anything, but for us to recognize what we already have.
 - c. Based on the blessings described in the previous passage.
 - d. The result of Paul’s knowledge of the faith and love of the Ephesians. (Love flows from faith)
- ii. Asks for God’s Spirit to give us insight regarding 3 things.
 - a. The hope of his calling
 1. The source of our hope –“his calling”
 2. The meaning of hope in the NT (1Pt. 1:13, Rom. 5:2-5)
 - b. The riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.
 1. God eagerly looks forward to having all of us.
 2. Our significance–Our lives matter.
 - c. The greatness of his power toward us who believe.
 1. Its’ direction–toward us who believe.
 2. Its’ dimensions–immeasurable (Power–dunamis, working–energia, mighty–kratos: an end to be gained or dominion to be exercised, power–ischus: strength that one has or power in possession.)

3. Its' display – in Christ.
 - a. Christ resurrection from the dead.
 - b. Christ's reign over the universe.
 - c. Christ's relationship with the church.