



A Prayer For Wisdom and Revelation

A Prayer For The Fullness Of God



¹⁶ I give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that God, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward (in) us who believe, according to (through or owing to) the working (energy) of His great might (strength) ²⁰ that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead ^{2:1} and you who were dead in trespasses and sins.

⁴ But God, because of the great love with which He loved us, made us alive together with Christ ⁶ and raised us up with Him ⁷ so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A Prayer For The Knowledge Of God

- **Eph.1:15 - 2:10**
- **This is a summary of what Paul prays for them**
- **Note who Paul prays to – The Father**
- **Note who Paul is praying for – 1:13**
- **vs.17 is the request for the knowledge of God**
 - **Knowledge is information, understanding – James 2:19**
 - **Fear of God is the beginning of wisdom – Lloyd Jones**
 - **That revelation enlightens “the eyes of the heart or understanding”**

What We Are To Know Of God

- **18-19 is the “what” of the knowledge we gain**
 - 1. What is the Hope to which He has called you**
 - 2. What are the Riches of our Glorious Inheritance**
 - 3. What is The Greatness of the Power at work in us**
- **What is the Hope to which He has called you?**
- **We are Taken, Chosen, Called**
- **Eph.1:3-10; Rom.8:18, 23, 24a, 28-30, 31-39**
- **The Hope is that than more than this life**

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2. What the Riches of our Glorious Inheritance

- Eph.1:13,14 – Sealed with the Holy Spirit as the down payment on our full glorification!
- Rom.8:14-18; John 17:22-24
- Why aren't we told more about heaven?
- We are given a glimpse. 2 Cor.12:2-4;
Rev.21:10,11,18,19,21

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- 3. What is the Greatness of the Power at work in us.**
 - **Is this the power of God in the saints or power that He gives to the saints?**
 - **The phrase “according to” (ESV, KJV) meaning through or owing to.**
 - **I am what I am by the grace of God and the power of God. Christian salvation is a demonstration of the power of God in us. Rom. 8:28-39**
 - **Heb.2:14-15 – Death is only defeated through Christ**

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Why Does God Do This?

- **Why does God give us a Hope and a Rich Inheritance and work in us His Great Power?**
 - **Because He is not like us and we are not God!**
 - **Eph.2:4 contrasts who God is with what we are!**
- 1. He does this because He loved us with a GREAT Love - while we were dead in our sin 4**
 - 2. He did this to make us ALIVE with Christ - Saved by Grace alone 5**
 - 3. Seated with God in Christ**

Why Does God Do This?

- 4. So that in the coming AGES He might show the immeasurable riches of His GRACE toward us in Christ.**
- 5. You are saved by GRACE from God through a FAITH that is a gift from God. 8**
- 6. We are not saved because of anything we have done so there is no room for boasting. 9**
- 7. We are the workmanship of God. 10**

What About The Will Of Man?

- There is a general call for all people to repent
 - There is a specific call where God chooses to draw some people to Himself. *Matt.22:14*
1. No one will stand before God in judgment and say, “I wanted to follow you, but you didn’t choose me.”
 2. No one will say “I didn’t want to follow you but you dragged me here.”
 3. Because we cannot comprehend Holiness, we do not truly appreciate the Greatness of the Glory of the Grace of God to us in Christ. *Eph.2:7*

Seeking The Knowledge Of God

- 1. Pray God would give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation to know Him better!**
- 2. Pray that you would have the power to have the eyes of your heart enlightened to grasp how GREAT our God is!**
- 3. Seek to academically understand the Hope of our Calling and the Glory of our Inheritance for the saints**
- 4. Believe the power of God is at work in you for His glory**