

Digging Deeper: Ephesians 1:15–23

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Day One

Read Ephesians 1:15–23.

Do you know where Paul was when he was praying for the church?

In verses 15–16, Paul shows his appreciation for the Christians in Ephesus. Why?

Why would Paul be praying for the Church instead of praying for his own situation?

Day Two

In verses 17–19, Paul is asking God for wisdom and insight so they would grow in the knowledge of God. Is there anything better than asking for wisdom? Who else has asked for wisdom? Hint: He was a king. Read 2 Chronicles 1:7–10.

Day Three

Read 1 Kings 4:29–34.

After Solomon asked for wisdom, what was the outcome?

When you pray, what are the top 3 things you pray for? Is it for something you may want? Is it for the salvation of a loved one? Has it ever been to gain wisdom? When it comes to prayer, most people are centered on the things they want God to do for them. Paul is praying that the hearts of the people of the church will be flooded with understanding and knowledge of the glorious inheritance they will receive.

Day Four

Paul's prayer for the Ephesians is mostly a prayer for knowledge. However in verse 18, he prays for them to have the knowledge and hope given to those he calls His own. He also prays for them to have the understanding of His great power to all who believe.

Read Romans 8:31–32. What a promise! He has given us right-standing with Himself!

Day Five

In verse 20, God raised Jesus from the grave and exalted Him to His right hand in the heavens. Yes, for 40 days Jesus made many bodily appearances to His disciples. On the 40th day, He slowly ascended into the heavens. Read Acts 1:9, John 16:7 and John 20:29

Day Six

In verses 21–23, God has put Jesus in charge of everything, so it would stand to reason that He would also be the head of His church. The church is called the body of Christ because we are the physical representation of Him on earth. Just think how special it must have been for them that Paul would be praying to Christ for their benefit. Would you like to know someone is praying for you?