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Part 2

NEW LIFE – KNOWING GOD BETTER

Ephesians 1:15-23

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¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us

who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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Why does Paul pray?

Because God is sovereign and Paul wants to know God and his will better.

- ‘Paul – an apostle by the will of God’
- ‘who has blessed us in the heavenly realms’
- ‘he chose us in him’
- ‘he predestined us to be adopted as his sons’
- ‘In him we have redemption’
- ‘the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us’

God is sovereign!

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How does Paul pray?

- ‘I have not stopped giving thanks for you’ 1:16
- ‘I keep asking’ 1:17
- ‘I kneel before the father’ 3:14

Incessant – Persistent – Humble

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What does Paul pray?

He prays that the Ephesians also would know God better.

'I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you' 1:16

Also 3:17b-19

epignosis (1:17) & oida (1:18); katalambano (3:18) & ginosko (3:18)

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3 ways that Paul prays that the Ephesians (and us) would know God better:

- Knowing the Head
- Knowing the Hope
- Knowing the Power

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