

## **We Need to Pray Just to Make It Today** **Ephesians 1:15-23**

Prayer is our communion with Yahweh Almighty. Through prayer we spend time with God. During this time, we share our hearts and hurts with God, we make requests of God, and we listen to God. God, while one divine being, is a Trinity of divine persons. The Heavenly Father, the eternal Son who is the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are three divine persons who compose the one God. God has revealed that His tri-personal name is Yahweh. The name Jesus means *Yahweh Saves*. God the Father sent God the Son to live a perfect life, to die on the cross for our sins, and to be raised from the dead for our justification. God the Spirit indwells within and has opened the eyes of all believers, bringing about our adoption into Yahweh's family.

**Topic:** quickly review Ephesians 1:3-14 to recall the spiritual blessing that are ours in Christ.  
-Which blessings are listed? -Which blessing strikes you as the most amazing?

These spiritual blessings form one of the reasons why Paul prays for and gives thanks for the Ephesian believers. -What are the other two reasons according to 1:15?

Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, prays that believers would know (1) what is the hope of His calling, (2) what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and (3) what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

- What has God called all believers to? What hope is in this call?
- What has God called you to do? How are you training/preparing/doing that?
- What is the inheritance God has for us?
- In what way are *we* His inheritance (see Deuteronomy 32:8-9)?
- What is the greatness of His power toward us?
- How did God exert His strength concerning Jesus (see Ephesians 1:20-23)?

Read Psalm 110. This Psalm is the most quoted and alluded Old Testament passage in the New Testament.

- How does the fact that all things are put in subjection under Jesus' feet bring us hope?
- Jesus (Yeshua/Iesous) is the name above all names. How is this possible if Yahweh is God's personal name?

**Association:** The Holy Spirit of wisdom and of revelation can give us full knowledge of God by opening the eyes of our hearts.

-About what has the Spirit opened the eyes of your heart? -How did the Spirit do this?

Paul makes mention for other believers in his prayers. We ought to do likewise.

- How is your prayer life? -Do you regularly make mention of others in your prayers?
- Do you pray to the Holy Spirit?

**Guidance:** Resolve in your heart to pray to the Holy Spirit, asking Him to open the eyes of the hearts of unbelievers you know, asking Him to deliver wisdom to you and to other believers concerning God's call on our lives, the riches of His inheritance, and His power to us who believe. Take time to pray with and for your discipleship partner.