

# Paul's Heart for the Church

Ephesians 1:15-23

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<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> 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, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might <sup>20</sup> that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

### Table Discussion Questions:

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1. Why would Paul give us just one command in Ephesians 1-3 (in 2:11)? If he isn't telling us what to do, what are we supposed to do?
2. How would you explain what it means (and doesn't mean) to know God?
3. Are you stagnant or growing in your knowledge of Him? What needs to happen if we want to deepen our relationship with Christ? (vv. 17-18)
4. This week, what future hope is shaping your present reality? (v. 18)
5. How does knowing Jesus change the way we relate to earthly riches? (v. 18)
6. Why does Paul spend so much time talking about God's power? Which aspect of God's power is most encouraging to you? (vv. 19-23)
7. Paul's prayers sound different. What could we learn from him that could help us grow in prayer?