**Prayer for Knowing God**

Ephesians 1:15-23

Key Verse: 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."*

* How would you characterize your prayer life? Think about topics you pray for yourself and others.

1. For what does Paul give thanks in his prayers for the Ephesian Christians (15-16)? What does the expression “for this reason” indicate?
2. What is Paul’s persistent prayer topic for believers (17)? How does Paul address God? Why is it vital to know whom we pray to?
3. Why is it necessary to ask God for “the Spirit of wisdom and revelation” (17b-18a; 1Co 2:10,14)? What does it mean to “know him better”? Why is this prayer central to our life of faith?
4. What are things Paul is asking God to illuminate for believers (18b-19a)? What does “the hope to which he has called you” refer to? What does “the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people” indicate about their blessings?
5. In prayer for knowing God, what is emphasized (19-20; 3:16)? How is “God’s incomparably great power” displayed? What is the scope of Christ’s authority and reign (21-23)? How does God’s power affect us now?

* How does Apostle Paul’s prayer help you in your prayer life and relationship with God?