

## The Greatest Prayer

**Text:** Ephesians 1:15-23

**Main Idea:** The greatest prayer is a prayer to know God, His salvation plan, His power, & His person in a deeper way.

1. **Praise for Believers:** We must thank God when we see the evidence of God's saving work in the life of believers. (v. 15-16a)
  - Faith: They put their trust in Jesus as Savior and submission in Jesus as Lord. (Rom 10:9)
  - Love: They had an indiscriminate love for one another. (1 Jn 3:11-18)
2. **Petition for Believers:** We must ask God to help us to know God deeper & experience His blessings more adequately! (v. 16b-23)
  - That God would grant to us an ability through wisdom and revelation to know God deeper. (v. 17b, Jn 17:3, Phil 3:8-14, 1 Cor 2:14)
  - That the eyes of our heart would know the greatness of God's plan toward us: His calling & our inheritance (v. 18, Rom 8:30, 2 Tim 1:9, Acts 20:32, 1 Pet 1:4, Heb 9:15).
  - That we would know the greatness of God's power toward us: 1) salvation, 2) strength through trials, 3) deliverance from temptation to live holy, 4) strength to serve faithfully, & 5) our preservation to the very end. (v. 19-20, Col 1:11-12, 1 Cor 10:13, 2 Peter 1:3-4, Eph 6:10-14, Col 1:29, Phil 4:13, 1 Pet 1:5, Jude 24-25, Rom 8:30)
  - That we would know the greatness of God's person: 1) the supreme rule of Jesus, 2) the majestic glory of Jesus over all names, & the 3) extensive authority of Jesus especially the Church. (v. 21-23)