



# EPHESIANS

1:15-23



# What does an apostle pray for?

What do you pray for?



SUCCESS



**Romanticism: "To find yourself**



**so you can  
be happy"**

**God wants you to  
experience the power  
of seeing his glory  
in the pattern of Christ.**

**(a pre-requisite for 'finding yourself')**

# 1. God wants the eyes of our heart to see his glory

**Ephesians 1:17-19a**

**"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 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, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."**

# **4 things God wants you to “know”:**

**1. God himself**

**2. The hope to which he has called you**

**3. The riches of his glorious inheritance  
in the saints**

**4. His incomparably great power for  
those that believe.**

## **2. We can see his glorious exertion of power in Christ**

**Ephesians 1:19b-21**

**That power **is the same** as the mighty strength he exerted when **he raised Christ** from the dead **and seated him** at his right hand in the heavenly realms, **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.****

# God's power exerted *in Christ*

**Displayed in power  
of what's done:**

- 1. Overcame death**
- 2. Seated in heaven**
- 3. Over everything**
- 4. Forever**

**Veiled in weakness  
of the story:**

- 1. He died terribly**
- 2. Blessing are "in heaven"**
- 3. His rule isn't recognized**
- 4. Forever isn't here yet**

**If you don't understand God's revelation of Glory "in Christ", you won't understand it at all.**



**3. We are with him and he is with us  
in that power.**

**Ephesians 1:22**

**And God placed all things under his feet  
and appointed him to be head over  
everything for the church, which is his  
body, the fullness of him who fills  
everything in every way.**

## Hebrews 10:11-14

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered **for all time one sacrifice** for sins, **he sat down** at the right hand of God. Since that time **he waits** for **his enemies to be made his footstool**, because by one sacrifice he has **made perfect forever** those who are **being made holy**.

## **Matthew 6:22-24**

**"The **eye is the lamp of the body.** If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."**



## **Ephesians 1:18**

**"...that the **eyes of your heart** may be en-lightened..."**