

“YOU CAN’T GROW IF YOU DON’T KNOW!” (Ephesians 1:15-23)

**What have we learned regarding the Father’s, Son’s, and Holy Spirit’s role in redemption?*

I. Paul’s greeting to the Church in Ephesus (1:1-2)

II. The Wealth of the Church (1:3-3:21)

A. Praise for Redemption (1:3-14)

a. The Role of the Father (1:3-6)

b. The Role of the Son (1:7-12)

c. The Role of the Holy Spirit (1:13-14)

B. Prayer for Enlightenment (1:15-23)

1. Prompted by his readers’ faith and _____ for other believers, Paul expressed _____ and _____ prayer for them (vv. 15-16).

**What observation can we make between thankfulness and prayer?*

**Principle to Ponder #1: Praying for _____ lifts the focus off of _____ and upon the _____ of God and work of Christ.*

**Principle to Ponder #2: Believers can be a source of _____ when they are filled with the Spirit and loving _____.*

2. Paul’s desire and prayer was that believers would receive _____ and _____ regarding the _____ of Jesus Christ (vs. 17).

Paul’s prayer request included enlightenment regarding the believer’s...

3. ... _____ because of the salvation and newfound purpose in Christ (vs. 18).

4. ... _____ as redeemed, blood-bought children of God (vs. 18).
5. ... _____ and strength available in order transform lives and manifest His grace (vs. 19).

**Principle to Ponder #3: Believers have _____ access to the same _____ that _____ Christ from the dead and seated Him at the right hand of the Father.*

**What do we learn about Christ's position of authority according to verse 21?*

- 'above all...principality'
- '...power'
- '...might'
- '...dominion'
- '...every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come'

**Principle to Ponder #4: Christ will one day take His _____ throne, in order to fulfill the position and _____ He already holds spiritually in heaven.*

6. Not only has the Father put the world in _____ to the Son, but He has made Christ Head over the universal _____ (vv. 22-23).

**What can we discern from the two usages of the word 'all' in verse 23?*

**What are some takeaways from this passage this evening? This first chapter of Ephesians?*