

Paul Gave Thanks and Prayed for the Saints

Scripture

“that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what [is] the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated [Him] at His right hand in the heavenly [places], far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all [things] under His feet, and gave Him [to be] head over all [things] to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” (Eph 1:17-23 NKJV)

Devotion

Paul prays the Ephesians would have a spirit of wisdom and revelation about the Father. He specifically prays that they would know the hope of His calling, riches of their inheritance, and the exceeding greatness of His power toward them.

These facts are really beyond human understanding. We see the example of this great love and power in Christ who was raised from the dead. Therefore, Paul prays that the Ephesians’ eyes would be opened and they would be supernaturally enlightened.

My dear friends we need to have spiritual eyes also. It is the hope of His calling and promise of our inheritance that helps us to fight the flesh and walk the narrow way. Do not allow yourself to forget the God you serve. “. . . Who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.” (Eph 3:20 NKJV) It is God that works in us, and we must always remember that without Him we can do nothing!

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every [branch] that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you [are] the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw [them] into the fire, and they are burned. "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.” (Joh 15:1-8 NKJV)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!