

SERMON NOTES & PRAYER GUIDE

Sunday, December 29, 2019



*God's Gift
and
Desire For Us*

Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-21

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God's wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, has brought salvation to 'all who believe' and put Saving Faith in Him. Then, after we receive this gift, God's greatest desire for us is that we grow deeper in our understanding and experience of Christ's Love and Power in our lives.

We see this desire of God in the Apostle Paul's prayers for the believers in Ephesus. From this we learn that the first step in growing in our understanding and experience of Christ's love is to pray for it!

With that in mind, set aside a few minutes each day this next week to pray Paul's prayer for yourself.

Then, respond as God leads.

THAT I MIGHT KNOW GOD MORE DEEPLY

Eph. 1:17

THAT I MIGHT KNOW THE HOPE I HAVE IN CHRIST MORE FULLY

Eph. 1:18

THAT I MIGHT KNOW GOD'S GREAT POWER AT WORK WITHIN
ME

Eph. 1:19-20a

THAT I MIGHT KNOW CHRIST'S GREATNESS

Eph. 1:20b-23

First, ask God for the DESIRE for these requests.

Often, we need to allow God to remove 'self' so we can desire Him.

Second, ask God for the GRACE you need to experience these things.

The Holy Spirit is the One Who needs to do this work in our lives. We cannot do it on our own.

Third, ask God for the DETERMINATION to stay committed to allowing God to do this work of transformation in your life.

THAT I WILL BE STRENGTHENED IN MY INNER BEING

Eph. 3:16-17

THAT I WILL FULLY EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE FOR ME IN JESUS
CHRIST

Eph. 3:18-19

THAT I WILL LIVE TO BRING GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST

Eph. 3:20-21

WHAT I HEAR GOD SAYING TO ME: