

## Ephesians 1:15-23 **Prayer for the Saints to understand – Christ Is Above All**

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

17 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, 18 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, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 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. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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### Facts Revealed:

#### Paul's prayer for the Ephesians

- ✚ In summarizing his prayers for the Ephesians, Paul writes one long sentence which is all inclusive and quite revealing:
  - ✧ Paul has received a report on the Church at Ephesus which spoke of their faith in the Lord Jesus and their love for all the Saints. [\[Ephesians 1:15\]](#)
  - ✧ For this good news Paul said "I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in My prayers."
- ✚ Paul's prayer request is revealing: [\[Ephesians 1:17-23\]](#)
  - ✧ The God of our Lord Jesus Christ is the Father of Glory.
  - ✧ Paul asked that God will give the Ephesians the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ.
  - ✧ That the eyes of our understanding must be enlightened to know the hope of His calling.
  - ✧ To know the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the Saints.
  - ✧ To know the greatness of His power toward us who believe.
  - ✧ We believe according to the working of His might power which He worked in Christ when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Christ at His right hand in the heavenly places.
  - ✧ In His exalted position at the right hand of God, Christ is far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the ages to come.
  - ✧ God put all things under the feet of Christ.
  - ✧ God established Christ to be head over all things to the Church.
  - ✧ The Church is the Body of Christ and to be filled with the fullness of Christ. [\[John 1:14-16, Ephesians 3:14-19, 4:9-13\]](#)
  - ✧ Christ is the fullness of God Who fills all in all. [\[Ephesians 4:10, Colossians 2:9\]](#)