

Ephesians: The Power of God

Ephesians 1:15-23

Paul's Gratitude (v. 15-16)

- He is grateful for the Ephesians
 - He knows of their reputation
- They are known for their:
 - Faith in Jesus
 - Love for God's people

Paul's Prayer (v. 17-19a)

- Paul's request is based in God being a Giver
- He has given us Jesus, His Son
 - And through Him, salvation, adoption, and forgiveness
- He has given us His Spirit
- And intimate knowledge through the Spirit
 - Wisdom: *Knowing* God's will
 - Revelation: *Knowing* God
 - Enlightenment
 - *Knowing* the hope that we have in Him
 - *Knowing* the riches which we will receive
 - *Knowing* the power at work in us

The Power of God (v. 19b-23)

- 2 terms are used for "power" in v. 19-21
- The power of God is effective to not only rule mightily
 - But also, to raise Christ from the dead
- This power puts Jesus above every ruler, authority, power, dominion, & title on earth & in heaven
- It is this power that guides the Church
- It is this power that is alive in us when we are *in Christ*
 - Available through the Spirit of God

So What?

- What is our reputation?
 - What are we known for?
- Do we know God intimately?
 - And all the benefits that come with that knowledge?
- Are we living through the power of the Spirit in our lives?

Meditation Verse: Ephesians 1:18-19a