

“Do You Know What You’re Seeing?” (Ephesians 1:15–23)

Big Idea: Only by God’s Spirit can the saints see and know their privilege and power.

I. A Constant Prayer for the Saints to Know God by His Spirit (verses 15–17)

Ephesians 6:17–18; Colossians 4:12

a. Prayers of Thanks Because of the Saints’ Faith and Love (verses 15–16)

b. Prayers for God the Father to Grant Them Wisdom and Revelation by His Spirit (verse 17)

Ephesians 3:14–19; Luke 11:11–13

II. A Constant Prayer for the Saints to Know What They Have from God (verses 18–23)

a. Knowing Because Their Hearts See Better (verse 18a)

Psalm 119:18

b. Knowing the Hope of Being Called by God (verse 18b)

c. Knowing the Glory of Being God’s Heritage (verse 18c)

Deuteronomy 32:8–9; Ephesians 1:11–14

d. Knowing the Greatness of God’s Power toward Them (verses 19–23)

“... and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe”

Part 1 Applications for Believers

1) Elevated doctrine should elevate your prayers.

2) You need spiritual vision before spiritual duties.

2 Corinthians 3:15–18

3) You don’t need more from God. You need to see what you have.

- i. The Same Power Which Raised Christ from the Dead (verses 19–20a)
- ii. The Same Power Which Enthroned Christ over All (verses 20b–21)

“... and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places”

Psalm 110:1–4; Daniel 7:13–14; Luke 22:66–71; Acts 2:32–36; 7:54–56;
Hebrews 1:1–4

“far above all rule and authority and power and dominion”

Ephesians 3:10; 6:11–12

“every name named”

Acts 19:11–20

- iii. The Same Power Which Fills the Church with Glory in Her Triumphant Head (verses 22–23)

“And he put all things under his feet”

Psalm 8:3–6; Hebrews 2:5–10

“... and gave him as head over all things to the church”

Matthew 28:18–20.

“which is his body”

1 Corinthians 12:12–13; Ephesians 4:4–7; 5:22–32

“The fullness of him who fills all in all”

The word group related to *pleroma* (fullness) or being filled is tied in the ancient Greek translation of the Old Testament to the temple being filled with the glory of God.

2 Chronicles 7:1–3; Isaiah 6:1; Ezekiel 43:1–5; 44:4

The church is the temple of God, full of His glorious presence.

1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 6:16; 1 Peter 2:4–5; Ephesians 2:19–22
Haggai 2:6–7

This filling with glory by God’s Spirit becomes a theme in Ephesians.

Ephesians 3:16–19; 4:10–13; 5:18

Colossians 2:8–10; Ephesians 4:7–10; Habakkuk 2:14