

The Priority of Enlightenment in Prayer (Eph 1:15–23)
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Introduction

There is a difference between having something and knowing what you have

- I. The Reason for Paul’s Prayer is God’s Sovereign Grace in the Golden Chain of Salvation
 - A. Salutation and Doxology (1:1–3)
 - B. Golden Chain of Salvation (1:4–14)
 - 1. The Golden chain is “in him.” Paul was obsessed with Christ

- II. Having this Unspeakable Gift, I pray that you Comprehend it More and More (1:15–23)
 - A. That He might give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him (1:17)
 - 1. Pray for wisdom and then expect it to come from unexpected places
 - B. Having the eyes of our hearts enlightened to hope, riches and greatness (1:18–21)
 - 1. Paul prays that we might be enlightened to see and know the hope to which we’ve been called (1:18)
 - 2. The riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints (1:18)
 - 3. The immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe (1:19–23)

Conclusion

Are you currently enlightened by the immeasurable gift of God’s salvation in Christ? If not, let’s pray.