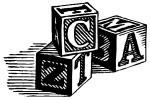


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Prayer of The Apostle Paul For The Ephesians,"
(Ephesians 1:15-23)



Basic Ideas from the Letter to the Ephesians 1:15-23.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the immeasurable greatness of God's person and work.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose to seek Him above all else.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in His work and forsaking our own.



Basic Questions from the Letter to the Ephesians 1:15-23.

1. What is the significance of the word "wherefore" (for this reason [NASB])?
2. What two things prompted Paul's prayer?
3. To what is "faith in the Lord" referring?
4. What can we see from the simple statement "love unto all saints"?
5. What are some of the qualities of Paul's prayer life that are seen in v.16?
6. What does v.17 begin?
7. For what is v.17 asking?
8. Why do you think Paul makes this request a priority in his prayers for them?
9. What do you think this knowledge of Him entails?
10. What is v.19 telling us?
11. For what is v.18 asking?
12. How does Paul describe all of this?
13. What exactly is meant by "the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints"?
14. Notice how Paul describes the petition, "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened".
15. Why do you think Paul makes this request a priority in his prayers for them?
16. What do you think this knowledge of the inheritance entails?
17. What is v.19 telling us?
18. For what is v.19 asking?
19. What concept is being emphasized throughout the verse?
20. What is v.19 emphasizing about this power?
21. Does this verse remind you of another?
22. What are verses 20-23 doing?
23. Why is it we do not get caught up in such glorious activities?
24. How is the power described?
25. Why do you think Paul makes this request a priority in his prayers for them?
26. What do you think this knowledge of His power entails?

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The **Basic Application** from the Letter to the Ephesians 1:15-23.

1. The outcome for Paul's prayer is that the Church would be the agent for change producing peace within the community, nation, and world at large. How are we working from peace for peace?
2. With the desire to enlarge your own prayer life, look at your requests and compare them to those of the apostle's. How might you "improve" your request for yourself and for others?
3. What might be the best thing you could do right now in light of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians?
4. The reader should know the framework for biblical praying.
5. The reader should understand how the various parts of prayer fit into a meaningful whole.
6. The reader should apply Paul's prayer to his own prayer life and seek to be wise as they talk to God.
7. Note the content of your own prayers. Do you know the person of Christ, the promise of heaven, and the power of God? How should you pray for those you pray for the most?
8. Can you begin to see the parallels between vv.1-14 and what Paul has prayed in vv.15-23?
9. **Before you leave today, why not find someone to pray with as it relates to this prayer and if you cannot find someone to pray with then pray alone to God this prayer for yourself and perhaps for others whom God lays on your heart.**

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