



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of December 1, 2024

Ephesians 1:15-23

***[15] For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, [18] having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might [20] that 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 rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. [22] And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.***

1. Why do you think Paul was so thankful to hear of the Ephesians' faith, seven years after he had left them? Is faith in Christ a fragile thing that dissipates and falls away with time? Why or why not?
2. In v.17, Paul prays that God would give the Ephesians the "*Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him*". Why do you think Paul prayed for this? Don't we as Christians, already know Jesus? What do you think Paul meant by "*the eyes of your hearts*" and why must they be enlightened?
3. When in your life, under what circumstances, do you need to know Christ more? How does knowing Christ *more* help you through these circumstances? How can a Christian "know Christ more"?
4. Describe the hope to which God has called you? Why is it important for us to be assured of this hope?
5. Why is it important to be assured of our inherent worth as believers? I.e. that we as Christians, are considered a rich glorious inheritance of God?
6. What do you think is the immeasurable greatness of the power God grants to believers and how do you see this power at work in your own life?
7. Paul ends his prayer by reminding us of the wonder and beauty of Jesus Christ. Why is it important to know how great Jesus is? Why do we need to pray that Christians would know how great Jesus is? How does Paul's prayer for the Ephesians change the way you pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ?