

## INTRODUCTION

- \* Last week, we began a new series - a study of Paul's letter to the church of Ephesus.
- \* Paul called upon his fellow believers to "walk worthy of the calling with which they were called." The letter can be broken up into two primary sections - doctrinal and practical. In the doctrinal section (comprising chapters 1-3), Paul is explaining to the saints the profound depth of their calling in Christ Jesus. In the practical section (comprising chapters 4-6), Paul reveals how we are to walk worthy of that calling in this world.
- \* Last week, we saw how Paul began by revealing God's Sovereign redemptive plan and purpose, and the extent of the spiritual blessings which He has freely bestowed upon those who believe! As believers in Christ - We are blessed with every spiritual blessing, We are Chosen, We are Adopted as Sons of God, We are Accepted (favored by God), We are Redeemed and Pardoned, We are Informed regarding the Will of God, We are Promised an Inheritance, and We are Sealed with the Holy Spirit!
- \* Based upon these truths and knowing that these Ephesians saints had placed their trust in Christ, Paul proclaims his thankfulness and intercessions to God on their behalf.

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE B\_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS PRAYER (v. 15; 1 Timothy 1:12-15)

**A. Their Faith in the Lord** (cf. Colossians 1:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 2 Thessalonians 1:3)

**B. Their Love for the Saints** (cf. John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:10-14; 4:20-21)

### II. THE C\_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS PRAYER (v. 16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

**A. Giving Thanks** (cf. Philippians 1:3-4; Colossians 1:3; 2 Thessalonians 1:3)

**B. Making Remembrance** (cf. Philemon 1:4-5; 2 Timothy 1:3)

### III. THE C\_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS PRAYER (v. 17-18a)

**A. The Designation of the Spirit: The S\_\_\_\_\_ of Wisdom and Revelation** (cf. Isaiah 11:1-4; Colossians 1:9-10)

**B. The Location of the Spirit: The K\_\_\_\_\_ of God** (cf. John 14:6; 17:3; 2 Peter 3:18; Jeremiah 9:23-24)

**C. The Prerequisite of Receiving the Spirit: The E\_\_\_\_\_ of your Mind**  
(cf. Mark 1:14-15; Luke 24:44-47; John 16:7-11; 2 Corinthians 3:14 - 4:6)

### IV. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS PRAYER (v. 18b-23)

**A. That They Would Know the H\_\_\_\_\_ of God's C\_\_\_\_\_ to the Saints** (cf. Romans 8:24-26; 5:1-5)

**B. That They Would Know the R\_\_\_\_\_ of God's I\_\_\_\_\_ in the Saints** (cf. 1 Peter 1:3-5; Titus 3:7)

**C. That They Would Know the E\_\_\_\_\_ of God's P\_\_\_\_\_ toward the Saints**

1. DISPLAYED IN RAISING CHRIST FROM THE DEAD!
2. DISPLAYED IN ESTABLISHING CHRIST ABOVE ALL ELSE!

## INTROSPECTION

- \* DO YOU PRAY FOR OTHERS IN THE CHURCH?
- \* ARE YOUR PRAYERS PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON THE PHYSICAL OR THE SPIRITUAL?
- \* IN PHILIPPIANS 4, TO NULLIFY ANXIOUSNESS, WE ARE TOLD TO MEDITATE/THINK UPON THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE TRUE, HONEST, JUST, PURE, LOVELY, OF GOOD REPORT, VIRTUOUS AND PRAISE-WORTHY. WHAT, IN PAUL'S PRAYER, CAN YOU BE THINKING ON, AND BEING THANKFUL FOR, TO HELP YOU CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

## INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- \* As we are seeking to be equipped to share the gospel with those that we meet, how should we be praying for one another? What are some specific items for which I can be asking the Father on behalf of others?