

EPHESIANS 1:13-19

LESSON 06

Paul's Prayer Requests

1. Ephesians 1:13-14 – Sealed With The Spirit

- a. How do we get the Spirit? How do we get in Christ? Answer: Eph 1:13
- b. The order of salvation: 1) you hear, 2) you believe/trust, 3) you are sealed
- c. There is no room here for water baptism, good works, saying prayers, ceremonies
- d. Sealed by God dwelling in us – 1 Cor 3:16, in Christ forever, not only until you sin.
- e. *“Spirit of promise”* = by faith - Ga 3:2-18, not works – Ps 51:11, Jdg 16:20, 1Sa 16:14
- f. The seal = God knows you by the Spirit – Gal 4:6-9, Ro 8:15, 2Ti 2:19, 2 Cor 1:20-22
- g. *“redemption”* here refers to our being delivered from corruption – Ep 4:30, Ro 8:23

2. Ephesians 1:15-16 – Paul Prays

- a. *“Wherefore”* – That is why since they believed, and are showing love... then...
- b. *“Cease not”* - He continues thanking God for them (not 24/7) – 1 Th 5:17
- c. Paul prays! The dispenser of grace to people w/o covenants, still prays!
- d. Faith without prayer is a buried faith, it will die. Pray like Paul.
- e. He gives thanks for them and then makes a request - 1:17, Phil 4:6
- f. His requests relate to the spirit, and not the flesh; heaven not earth.
- g. God answers prayers, but not the way most think.

3. Ephesians 1:17-19 – That We May See

- a. *“spirit of wisdom”* – Our life/desire towards (God's) wisdom - 1Co 1:24,2:10, Col 1:9
- b. *“revelation in the knowledge”* = Revelation is how men know things from God
 - i. It is a disclosure, discovery, a communication, opening to view, revealing
 - ii. True knowledge comes from the true God - Co 2:3
 - iii. The Bible is inspired revelation, written words of God - 2 Tim 3:16, Co 1:25
- c. *“eyes of your understanding”* – comprehend, light to your eyes, illumination
 - i. *How?* Faith - Rom 10:17, quickened – 1Co 2:12-13, consider this... 2 Ti 2:7
 - ii. *“Shined in our hearts”* – 2 Cor 4:4-6, Eph 4:18, 5:14, 2 Tim 1:10
- d. *“that ye may know”* – three things that we are to set our affections upon – Col 3:2
- e. God - 1) Hope of his calling – high, eternal, in the body - 1Co 1:2, Ep 4:1,4, Col 3:15
- f. Son - 2) Riches of his inheritance – Eph 2:5-7, 3:6, Rom 8:17
- g. Spirit - 3) Exceeding greatness of his power - Rom 8:11, 2 Cor 3:10, 4:7, 4:17, 12:9,
 - i. A man lives by hope, his heart is with his treasure, follows his strengths
 - ii. There is a power that exceeds – Phi 3:8-11, 2Ti 2:8, Eph 3:9-10, 16-19
 - iii. The prayer is to increase in love, joy, hope, peace of God – Ro 5:2, Phil 4:4,7