

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

An Apostolic Prayer for the Church

Ephesians 1:15-23

May 24, 2020

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Ephesians 1:15 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.</p>	<p>Paul prays for God to give us spiritual understanding to fully appreciate the blessings we have in Christ.</p> <p>I. A prayer of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness working in His people (15-16)</p> <p>II. A prayer that we would comprehend our present hope and glorious future (17-18)</p> <p>III. A prayer that we would know God's power at work through Christ (19-23)</p> <p>Memory verse for 2020-</p> <p>Matthew 7:24-25</p> <p>[24] "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.</p> <p>[25] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.</p>

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1. Discuss this statement from J.I. Packer-
"Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life's problems fall into place of their own accord."

2. Discuss why we need to have the "eyes of our hearts enlightened".

3. How does knowledge of our future make us more impactful Christians living in the present?

4. Discuss the practical significance of this statement from John Stott, related to verses 19-23:
"For he whom God gave to the church to be its head was already head of this universe. Thus both universe and church have in Jesus Christ the same head."

5. Ephesians 1:3-14 is a great statement of praise to God for what He has done for us in Christ. Ephesians 1:15-23 is a great prayer to God that we might be able to comprehend our union with Christ and all the attending blessings. How is this pattern of PRAISE and PRAYER helpful for us?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: