

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

That We May Know God
Ephesians 1:16b–18

Eph. 1:15, “Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,

Eph. 1:16, “do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:” ~NKJV

Elements of Prayer

C Confession

A Adoration, praise

T Thanksgiving

S Supplication: Intercession, petition

Eph. 1:16, “do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

Eph. 1:17, “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,”

Eph. 1:16, “[I also] do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

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Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; **that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,**

Eph. 1:19, “and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power”

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Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;”

Eph. 1:18, “I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,” ~NIV

**Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of your understanding
being enlightened;” ~NKJV**

φωτίζω *phōtizō*

perf pass part

masc plur acc

**“having already
been**

enlightened.”

Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;” ~NKJV

**φωτίζω *phōtizō*
perf pass part
masc plur acc
Causal ptcp**

“because the eyes of your heart have already been enlightened”

Eph. 1:18 – “since the eyes of your heart have been enlightened—so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints,” ~NET

Eph. 1:17, “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

Eph. 1:18, “because the eyes of your heart have already been enlightened;” ~RD

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1. πνεῦμα *pneuma* air, wind; breath; spirit, life-spirit, [Holy] Spirit, [human] spirit, attitude, disposition, human spirit, spirit (angel or demon)

1 Thessalonians 5:23, “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

In 1982 Dr. Harold Hoehner wrote:

“The content of Paul’s request is that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Though the NIV translators interpret ‘Spirit’ (πνεῦμα) as referring to the Holy Spirit, it is better to see it as disposition or attitude because of the two genitives following it (‘of wisdom and [of] revelation’; cf. ‘a gentle spirit’ in 1 Cor. 4:21)”

~Bible Knowledge Commentary

In 1982 Dr. Harold Hoehner wrote:

“On the other hand one cannot obtain a spirit or attitude of wisdom and revelation apart from the Holy Spirit. As Isaiah wrote, ‘The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him [Messiah]—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord’ (Isa. 11:2).”

~Bible Knowledge Commentary

In 2002 Dr. Harold Hoehner wrote:

“Thus, this view contends that in the present context it refers to the attitude or spiritual disposition toward insight and the openness to revelation. Those who think that it refers to the Holy Spirit do so because the qualities of wisdom and revelation cannot be generated by humans. This second view is preferred for seven reasons.”

~Hoehner, *Ephesians*, 2002

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***apokalupsis* fem sing**

gen revelation;

disclosure, the

unveiling of new

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Apocalypse

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ἐπίγνωσις *epignosis*
fem sing dat
knowledge; personal
knowledge

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Jer. 9:23, “Thus says the LORD:

‘Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,

Let not the mighty man glory in his might,

Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;

Jer. 9:24, “ ‘But let him who glories glory in this,

That he understands and knows Me,

That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.

For in these I delight,’ says the LORD.”