

## THE SAME POWER...

Ephesians 1:15-32

Paul's prayer in this passage is that God would help us all to see and understand that the same Holy Spirit, the power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us and works in and through our lives.

He starts this prayer off with thanksgiving. "Thanksgiving is grace spawned praise."

**Two things** that let him know that their salvation is genuine and that's their **faith** in the Lord Jesus and their **love** for one another (v. 15).

These two things *lead to a third thing*: **hope**

**Theme:** He wants us to know, understand, and experience the power of God in our lives. It is resurrection power.

### I. Power In Understanding

He prays that God would give them a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him and open the eyes of their understanding.

- Revelation – to understand an already revealed truth.
- Wisdom – to rightly apply and use that understanding.

It's not enough just to know it. You need to live it. You cannot live what you do not understand. You cannot function on principles you do not know.

Those who are saved *already* have all this available to them. The big question: Are going to grasp it (receive it) and let it be activated in and through your life?

What a waste to have something available to you and not even know it or use it.

### II. Power In Perspective

The hope of His calling refers to the hope that you have as a redeemed child of God.

### III. Power At Work In You

The second thing he prays we will know is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe (v. 19).

"Exceeding greatness" – it is impossible to describe.

Four words used to describe His power in verse 19, and they are all nouns in the Greek.

- Power (dunamis) – dynamite! It's God's inherent power.
- Working (energeia) – operative power exercising itself in a visible way.
- Mighty (ischus) – ability, force, strength, power.
- Power (kratos) – perfect power, complete

It is the same power that was at work when Christ was raised from the dead and placed Him far above all putting all things under His feet giving Him to be head over all things to the church. He is the head and we are the body.