

EPHESIANS 1:15-23.

Making Mention Of You In My Prayers.

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS.

- ◆ Blessed (3).
- ◆ Chosen (4).
- ◆ Holy and blameless (4).
- ◆ Predestined (5).
- ◆ Adopted (5).
- ◆ Grace (6).
- ◆ Redeemed (7).
- ◆ Forgiven (7).
- ◆ Knowledge of His will (9).
- ◆ Inheritance (11).
- ◆ Sealed (13).
- ◆ Promised (14).

MOTIVATION TO PRAY.

- ◆ *“...having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you.”*
 - ◆ After listing all the blessings the believer has in Christ, Paul gives thanks to God that the Ephesians have faith in the Jesus.
 - ◆ *“...your love for all the saints.”*
 - ◆ The evidence of their faith was not just a testimony of words, but of action - love.
- “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*
- John 13:34

TRINITY.

“the God of our Lord Jesus Christ”

- ◆ There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ One God: Deuteronomy 4:35.
- ◆ The Father is God: Ephesians 6:23.
- ◆ Jesus is God: Titus 2:13-14.
- ◆ The Holy Spirit is God: Acts 5:3-4.

PAUL'S PRAYER.

- ◆ Paul prays for two things, then explains them:
 1. *knowledge of Him*
 - ◆ this is said to be gained by *“a spirit of **wisdom and of revelation.**”*
 2. *“enlightenment, so that you will know”*
 - ◆ *“what is the **hope** of His calling”*
 - ◆ *“what are the riches of the glory of His **inheritance** in the saints”*
 - ◆ *“what is the surpassing greatness of His **power** toward us who believe”*
- ◆ Paul wants them to know what they have gained.

WHY THESE PRAYERS?

- ◆ *“These are in accordance with the working of the **strength of His might**”* - in proper perspective, all blessings are given by God’s strength not ours.
- ◆ God raised Jesus from the dead - not us.
- ◆ God seated Jesus at His side - not us.
- ◆ God placed Jesus above all - not us.
 - ◆ above all rule and authority.
 - ◆ above all power and dominion.
 - ◆ above all names.
 - ◆ above everything.
 - ◆ head of the church.

APPLICATION.

“Bible study is not just about information, it is about transformation.”

- ◆ Pray for the saints at Calvary Chapel Cheyenne that God would give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, and that God would enlighten us so that we will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.