

current sermon series

PASTORAL PRAYERS

for the **CHURCH**

Ephesians 1:15-23

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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,

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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,

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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.

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The Source: God

The Conduit: The Holy Spirit

The Work: That We May Know God

The Means: Our Hearts are Enlightened
by the Holy Spirit

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Two Marks of Salvation:

1. Faith in the Lord Jesus
2. Love for Others

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When we pray we should remember both
God's transcendence AND our position as
His children.

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John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

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Knowing is Relational

...of Christ, and by the will of the Father, through the work of the Holy Spirit, we have made you a faithful brother in Christ. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

1 John 1:6

If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

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Knowing is Relational

Knowing is Being Aware (Conscious)

John 14:23

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we will
come to him and make our home with him.

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Knowing is Being Aware (Conscious)

Knowing is Passionately Understanding

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The Greatness of His Plan for You

The Greatness of His Power Toward You

The Greatness of This God You Know