

Family Worship Guide

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Ephesians 1:15-23

“Being Prayed For in Christ”

¹⁵ For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers; ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. ¹⁸ *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, 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, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰ which He brought about 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 every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And He put all things in subjection 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.

QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

Getting Started

- What do you remember from your childhood about Thanksgiving Day?
- Who keeps your family traditions alive now?

Going Deeper

- Which of the things Paul prayed could you use most in your life right now?
- In verses 20 through 22, what do we learn about Christ?
- What are you doing in your life to increase your “knowledge of Him” (v. 17)?
- Where do you need the “surpassing greatness of His power” (v. 19) to be at work in the coming week?

Bringing it Home

- How would you change if your family prayed verses 17 – 19 every week for each other?
- God put all of his resources into your savings account. What is keeping you from transferring them into your checking account? How much of God’s energy are you using at the moment?¹

¹ Questions adapted from *Serendipity Bible for Groups*, 4th Ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998), 1625.