



Spirit of Wisdom and Power of Christ

4th in the “Ephesians” Series

Ephesians 1:15-23

February 15, 2026

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Introduction

In this passage, we learn how God illuminates us by His Spirit and empowers us through Christ.

- 1) The Lord wants every Christian to be illuminated by the Spirit of God (vv. 15-19).
 - a) May you see the hope that belongs to you (v. 18b).
 - b) May you see your value to God (v. 18c).
 - c) May you see the power of God available to you (v. 19).
- 2) In order to see the magnitude of God’s power available to you, look at the person and position of Jesus Christ (vv. 20-23).
 - a) First Proof – God raising Christ from the dead (v. 20a).
 - b) Second Proof – God enthroning Christ (v. 20b).
 - c) Third Proof – God subjecting everything to Christ (v. 21).
 - d) Fourth Proof – God appointing Christ as head of the church (vv. 22-23).

Response

Lord, help us to see by your Spirit and be empowered through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) What would be your highest hopes and prayers for your children or grandchildren?
- 2) Paul does not stop praying for the Ephesians Christians when they receive salvation; he prays that they may truly know God and experience his power (vv. 17-18). What does this teach us?
- 3) How does the Holy Spirit give the Christian wisdom, which is the art of living well, and revelation, which is deep convictions in the truth, to know God better (v. 17)?
- 4) How do the four proofs of Christ's power in vv. 19-22 help you understand how you have a share in the power of God? What does the power of God in the life of a Christian look like?
- 5) Paul ends in vv. 22-23 by describing the church as central to what God is doing in the world, at the focal point of God's power over all things. How should the centrality of the church in God's plan make you commit yourself to a local church in your plan for life and spiritual growth?
- 6) How might church membership be an ideal way to commit to the church that our sovereign Lord has made central in his plan for you and the world?
- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: Matthew 5:8 (Mon); Matthew 16:17 (Tues); Hebrews 1:1-2 (Wed); Psalm 119:18 (Thurs); Isaiah 11:2 (Fri).