



A HEARTFELT PRAYER

Ephesians 1:15-23

- 1 In what two specific areas does v. 15 indicate the Ephesian church had a positive reputation in Paul's day?
- 2 When Jesus addressed another letter to this same congregation some 30 years later (Revelation 2:1-4), what did He commend them for? What did He condemn?
- 3 In what way does Paul desire the Ephesian believers to "know" God (v. 17)?
- 4 How does Paul's request in v. 18 reveal his desire for the Ephesians to know and understand God's plan for them?
- 5 What are the "riches of his glorious inheritance" (ESV) to which Paul refers in v. 18?
- 6 As you consider the description of God's power in vv.19-21, what do the following words and phrases convey about God's power?
 - "immeasurable greatness" (v. 19):
 - "according to the working of his great might" (v. 19):
 - "he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead" (v.20):
 - "above all rule and authority and power and dominion" (v. 21):
 - "above every name that is named" (v. 21):
 - "not only in this age but also in the one to come" (v. 21):
- 7 What is the significance of the reference to the church as the "body" of Christ, with Jesus as the "head"?

APPLY THE LESSON

By the time Paul writes to the Ephesian church, they already had developed a reputation in the world of the first century. What do you think the reputation of Life Spring is in our community? How has your perception of Life Spring changed since your first visit (especially among newer people in the church)?