

Today's passage is Paul's prayer directed towards the Ephesian church. As Paul writes a letter to the Ephesian church, he informs them that he prays in this way for the Ephesian church. Why? Because the Ephesian church also desires to pray with this same theme. Apostle Paul desires that the saints of the Ephesian church, as well as the church itself, have such a hope and pray.

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, Paul prays for our eyes to be opened to know God's glory, the hope of His calling, and the power of God. Today, let Paul's prayer become our prayer. Let it be our desire. What should be the primary focus of our prayers as redeemed individuals?

### **First, Make God Known (verse 17)**

The greatest hope and prayer topic that all saints should have is to know God. Even Christians and churches should desire to know God well.

No one fully knows God. If we do not know the God who created everything, governs everything, saves us, and grants us everything, can we live properly? Most of the problems and misfortunes in this world arise from not knowing God.

We desire the grace of knowing God's heart, realizing His love, experiencing fellowship with Him, and understanding God. When God says that the people perish for lack of knowledge, it is the knowledge of knowing God. We need to know God. The more we know God, the more grace, wisdom, and faith accumulate.

### **Second, Know the Hope of His Calling (verse 18)**

What is the hope of His calling? It means the hope that God has when He sends us to this world, the hope that God has when He saves us. It means the hope of God who calls us to the church.

In other words, it is praying to know the hope and purpose of my life and existence. The most necessary thing for you is to know God's hope.

In our life of faith, we often focus and cling to our own hopes and desires. However, true mature prayer is to pray to know the hope that God has for me. God wants us to know His hope for us and desires it to be fulfilled. This is what we want our prayers to be.

### **Third, Make Known the Power of God (verse 19)**

When we talk about God's hope for the church, we can despair when looking at our current state and the church. There is a tremendous gap between the hope that God has for me and the hope that God has for the church. In those moments, we need to pray. We need to pray to experience the power of God.

The saints are not people who live by their own abilities but by the power of God. So, when facing problems or realizing our weakness, we should pray. We should pray, 'Make me experience the power of God.'

**Bible  
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

'His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.' (2 Peter 1:3)

**Bible  
Reading**

1/22(Mon)	1/23(Tue)	1/24(Wed)	1/25(Thur)	1/26(Fri)	1/27(Sat)	1/28(Sun)
Genesis 43-44	Genesis 45-47	Genesis 48-50	Exodus 1-3	Exodus 4-6	Exodus 7-9	Exodus 10-12

**QT**

Quiet Time Passage

1/22(Mon)	1/23(Tue)	1/24(Wed)	1/25(Thur)	1/26(Fri)	1/27(Sat)	1/28(Sun)
Mark 8:14-26	Mark 8:27-9:1	Mark 9:2-13	Mark 9:14-29	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50	Mark 10:1-16

**Sharing  
Questions**

1. Share something new you have realized or received grace from through today's message.

2. Compare your prayer topics with Paul's prayer today and discuss what prayer should take priority for you in the coming year."