

*Grace
& Glory*

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EPHESIANS

A Pastor's Thanksgiving and Prayer

Ephesians 1:15-23

Every shepherd wants his flock to be healthy and prosperous.

A pastor expends his energies to equip his flock to live with an awareness of and dependence upon the fullness of Christ's provision. When the people join the pastor in carrying out the mission of the church, his heart is full of reasons for thanksgiving and prayer!

The Cause for Thanksgiving:

Faith in the Lord Jesus (15a)

Love for all the Saints (15b)

The Point of Intercession:

Greatest Need: Deeper Understanding-Right Thinking (16-18a)

Wisdom

Revelation

Enlightenment

Why? — So that you may know... (18b-23)

The **hope** of your calling

The **riches** of His inheritance

The **greatness** of His power

What Now?

1. May our faith and love be real and active.
2. May we continually pray for deeper understanding and right thinking.
3. May we engage the world in light of this grand knowledge.

