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Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ FOR THIS REASON, EVER SINCE I HEARD ABOUT YOUR FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS AND YOUR LOVE FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE, ¹⁶ I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS. ¹⁷ I KEEP ASKING THAT THE GOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE GLORIOUS FATHER, MAY GIVE YOU THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION, SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HIM BETTER.

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Ephesians 1:15-23 (cont'd)

¹⁸ I PRAY THAT THE EYES OF YOUR HEART MAY BE ENLIGHTENED IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS CALLED YOU, THE RICHES OF HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE IN HIS HOLY PEOPLE, ¹⁹ AND HIS INCOMPARABLY GREAT POWER FOR US WHO BELIEVE. THAT POWER IS THE SAME AS THE MIGHTY STRENGTH ²⁰ HE EXERTED WHEN HE RAISED CHRIST FROM THE DEAD AND SEATED HIM AT HIS RIGHT HAND IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS,

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Ephesians 1:15-23 (cont'd)

²¹ FAR ABOVE ALL RULE AND AUTHORITY, POWER AND DOMINION, AND EVERY NAME THAT IS INVOKED, NOT ONLY IN THE PRESENT AGE BUT ALSO IN THE ONE TO COME. ²² AND GOD PLACED ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET AND APPOINTED HIM TO BE HEAD OVER EVERYTHING FOR THE CHURCH, ²³ WHICH IS HIS BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS EVERYTHING IN EVERY WAY.

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#1 – Design of a Healthy Christian

Ephesians 1:15-16

¹⁵ FOR THIS REASON, EVER SINCE I HEARD ABOUT YOUR **FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS** AND YOUR **LOVE FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE**, ¹⁶ I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS.

Two Marks of a Healthy Christian:

1. Faith in Jesus
2. Love for all Christians

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#1 – Design of a Healthy Christian

LOVE

L – Listen

O – Overlook

V – Valuable

E – Encourage

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#2 – Desires for a Maturing Christian

Ephesians 1:17-18

¹⁷ I KEEP ASKING THAT THE GOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE GLORIOUS FATHER, MAY GIVE YOU THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION, SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HIM BETTER. ¹⁸ I PRAY THAT THE EYES OF YOUR HEART MAY BE ENLIGHTENED IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY **KNOW** THE HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS CALLED YOU, THE RICHES OF HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE IN HIS HOLY PEOPLE,

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Three Things:

1. Know God
2. Know God Better
3. Know your riches in Christ

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#3 – Direct Results for a Strong Christian

Ephesians 1:19-23

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#3 – Direct Results for a Strong Christian

1. I have been **raised with Him**
2. I am **seated with Him**
3. I am **a member of the body**

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Paul's Prison Prayer Closing Questions

1. Are you a Christian?
2. Are you a *healthy* Christian?
3. Are you a *maturing* Christian?
4. Are you a *strong* Christian?

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