

Text: Ephesians 1:15-23
Topics: Love, Faithfulness, Power, Thankfulness
Ephesians: When Faith is Strong, But the Fire Isn't

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I'd Like You to Know

I. You're Prized (15-16)

We have fellow believers to be thankful for.

II. You're Prayed For (17-19)

Pray for their growing knowledge of God's will and workings.

III. Your Power Source (20-23)

Praise God for demonstrating His power in exalting Jesus to rule over all things.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Is there a fellow Christian in your life that you are thankful for? What is it about their life that encourages you to press on in authentic Christian living?

2. From the following verses, what purposes do the examples of others serve in the Christian life?

1 Corinthians 10:6, 11

1 Timothy 1:16

1 Timothy 4:12

1 Peter 2:21

Can you point to a case in which another Christian was a good example, and a case in which a Christian was a poor example for you? How did you respond in each case?

3. Read Colossians 1:9-10 and Ephesians 1:17-19? What kind of wisdom and knowledge does Paul pray for, for his readers? Why?

How would having this kind of wisdom and knowledge help you with some of the challenges in your life? How would it help you in general?

4. Read Ephesians 1:20-23, Colossians 1:17-18, and Matthew 28:18. What place has God the Father assigned to Jesus? What place did God assign to everyone and everything else?

This presents a challenge to our fallen human nature, but is also a great source of peace, comfort, and strength. Give examples of where and how this truth can be a challenge, and a source of peace, comfort, and strength to you.

5. What is the main application of this study, and/or Ephesians 1:15-23 and the sermon, for you?