

# The Believer's Prayer for Revelation

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Ephesians 1:15-19 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

## The relationship between faith and love:

Eph 1:15 Paul was happy to hear of their faith and love

For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you, and your love for all the saints,

Col 1:4 similar to the same prayer in Ephesians

since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints;

2 Th 1:3 giving thanks to God for their faith and love

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater;

1 Th 1:3 the work of faith and love

constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,

Gal 5:6 faith and love is what matters in Christ Jesus.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

Gal 6:15 new creation life is expressed through faith and love

For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 1

1 Ti 1:5 the goal of teaching is to produce faith and love

But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

1 Ti 1:14 faith and love are found through grace in Christ Jesus

and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.

## There are two prayers in Ephesians:

1. "That you might know," 1:15-23

(that we might know what Christ has done for us)

speaks of enlightenment

2. "That you might be," 3:13-21

(that we might live up to these wonderful blessings and put them to work in our daily lives)

speaks of enablement

## That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you:

### 1. A spirit of wisdom

Greek = sophia; "sophia" is the insight into the true nature of things." (Vines)

Isa 11:1-2 the sevenfold Spirit of the Lord

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.  
And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him,  
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The spirit of counsel and strength,  
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Col 1:9 For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

Jas 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Jas 3:13-17 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

### 2. A spirit of revelation

Greek = apokalupto; "to take off the cover, i.e. disclose." (Strong's)

God makes known His mysteries by revelation

Eph 3:2-6 the apostle Paul had insight into the mystery of the gospel through *revelation*  
v. 3 - that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.

Ro 16:25 we are established in faith through *revelation* of the gospel

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,

1 Co 2:6-12 we can only understand God's perspective through *revelation* by the Spirit.

Vs. 9-10 but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him." For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

### 3. A spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the *knowledge* of Him.

Greek = epignosis; "to observe and fully perceive; it implies a participation in the object known, this knowledge will unite the subject with the object." (Vines)

Col 2:2-3 ...resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Jn 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

Php 3:10 that I may know Him, ...

## **That the eyes of your heart may be enlightened**

The "eyes of your heart" speaks of the spirit, the inward man.

1 Pe 3:4 ...the hidden person of the heart, ...

Ro 7:22 ... the inner man, ...

2 Co 4:16 ... our inner man is being renewed day by day...

Eph 3:16 ...to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man ...

## **enlightened**

Greek = photizo "to give light, shine," "to enlighten, illumine," "to make to see." (Strong's)

When enlightened we will know:

Greek = oiada

"to see," is a perfect tense with a present meaning, signifying, primarily, "to have seen or perceived"; hence, "to know, to have knowledge of," (Vines)

"know, understand, perceive; experience, learn, know how; be acquainted with, recognize, acknowledge; remember; pay proper respect to" (Thayer's)

## **When enlightened we will know three things:**

### **1. What is the hope of His calling,**

God wants us to know what our individual calling (gifts, grace and ministry).

Such knowledge should bring hope (expectation) in our life.

### **2. What are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,**

We are to know that our life counts and matters to God.

### **3. The greatness of His power toward us who believe.**

The very power that raised Jesus from the dead is available every day. Christ has already won the victory over sin, death, the world and Satan. We do not fight for victory but from victory. He has all the power that we need for every situation!

**These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might.**