Prayerful Promises
Ephesians 1:15-19a

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 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. 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 the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

- Ephesians 1:15-19a

In this passage we see Paul’s heart for the Church:

Paul givesthanks for the Church (v. 15-16).
Paul prays for the Church (v. 16).
Paul desires the Church to know God better (v. 17).

How do we come to know God better?
Through a supernatural discernment of all we have & are in Jesus Christ.

Paul highlights 3 truths that God promises for believers.

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Prayerful Promises
In Christ we are...
People of Hope (vs. 18-19a)

“Man is merely an accident, whose number came up on the universal roulette wheel. There is no meaning to anything. Everything is ultimately absurd and meaningless.”
- Jacques Monod, Evolutionary Biologist

“That God does not exist, I cannot deny, that my whole being cries out for God I cannot forget.”
- Jean-Paul Sarte, Existentialist Philosopher

“God has made us for Himself and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in Him.”
- Augustine of Hippo, Early Church Theologian (354-430 AD)
As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

- Psalm 42:1-2

In Christ we are people of hope. Why? Because we've been called and we know the Caller (Eph. 1:3-5, 11)

Prayerful Promises
In Christ we are...
People of Worth (vs. 18-19a)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

- 1 Peter 2:9

God: who owns everything: chose us and considers us His glorious inheritance!

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah!
For our Lord God Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.
- Revelation 19:6-7

We are God's bride! We are God's beloved!

God is crazy about you!

Luke 15 Parables:
The Lost Sheep- The Shepherd says, “Rejoice with me!”
The Lost Coin- The Owner says, “Rejoice with me!”
The Lost Son- The Father says, “Let's have a feast and celebrate!”

We are of exceptional worth to God!

Prayerful Promises
In Christ we are...
People of Power (vs. 18-19a)
“incomparably great power”
Greek “Dunamis” = Dynamic, Dynamite

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.
- Philippians 4:13

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
- Romans 8:28

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?
- Romans 8:31

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?
- Romans 8:35

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Romans 8:37-39

In Jesus we are people of Hope, Worth, and Power!

There are NO nobody’s in Jesus Christ!

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God
- John 1:12