

## Series: Healthy Church

Healthy Churches Pray

Sunday January 14, 2018

### TEXT

1. Eph. 1:15-23

### TEACHING

2. *For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers (vv. 15-16).*

3. *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. I pray also 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, and his incomparably great power for us who believe (vv. 17-19).*

4. *The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:14-16).*

5. 3 things Paul wants the Ephesians to *know*:

1. The hope of their calling
2. The riches of their inheritance
3. His incomparably great power

6. *That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in this present age but also in the one to come. (vv. 19-21).*

7. *And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way (vv. 22-23).*

### TAKEAWAYS

8. How would you be remembered by a pastor or spiritual leader in your life? How do you want to be remembered? What do you need to do? Apologize? Thank? Obey? Help?

9. Is Paul's prayer (for wisdom and revelation and open hearts) a prayer just for Pastor's to pray? How might you go about deepening your understanding of who He is and what He has done for you? Prayer? Reading the bible? Serving others?

10. What does it mean to you that Christ is the Head of the church? Is that mostly about power or relationship? How do you work with the Head?