

# **Ephesians 1:15-23**

Wisdom, Revelation, and  
the Knowledge of God

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The Assumption of Paul's Prayer (v. 18):

- “Having the eyes of your heart enlightened” means “having been saved”
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- See also Hebrews 6:4, Hebrews 10:32, and 1 Peter 2:9

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Paul's Main Prayer (v. 17):

- Revelation means sight, wisdom means insight; revelation means seeing, wisdom means understanding what you see
- The phrase “knowledge of him” implies both theological content and relationship

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Paul's Three Corollary Prayers (v. 18-22):

- “What is the hope to which he has called you...” (v. 18)
- “What is his glorious inheritance in the saints...” (v. 18)
- “What is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe...” (vv. 19-22)

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## A Final Exhortation:

Philippians 4:8, “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

Romans 16:19, “For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.”