**Prayer Life**

**Week 4: Ephesians 1:15-23**

Beginning Truths:

* Praise and prayer **coexist**
* We need the Spirit’s help to understand the **greatness** of God, the **glory** of Christ, and the **goodness** of the gospel.

Three Aspects of Prayer:

1. Thank God for the outpouring of His **love** through other people.
   1. **Love** is the defining factor in our lives.
   2. God’s people love **one another**.
      1. John 13:35
2. Ask God for divine **wisdom** and **understanding**.
   1. We cannot understand the **mysteries** of heaven on our own.
      1. Pray to understand **who** God is.
         1. 2 Corinthians 4:6
      2. Pray to know God **better**.
         1. *“What is the greatest need in the church today? The one thing we need in Western Christendom is a deeper knowledge of God. We need to know God better.” -D.A. Carson*
      3. Pray to **comprehend** the goodness of the gospel.
         1. **Hope**
            1. Hope **surrounds** us.
         2. **Inheritance**
            1. God has placed an extremely high **value** on us.
         3. **Power** 
            1. The power of the **risen** Christ’s is ours.
3. Praise God for the **glorification** of Christ.
   1. Christ’s **resurrection**.
      1. Our life has **meaning** because Jesus is alive.
   2. Christ’s **enthronement**.
      1. He is not only alive, but he **reigns forevermore**.
      2. He holds everything together while **sitting down**.
         1. Colossians 1:17
   3. Christ’s **supremacy**.
      1. He is **above** all things.
   4. Christ’s **headship**.
      1. We are entirely dependent on Christ **individually** and **corporately**.
      2. The church isn’t about a **man**. It’s about **Christ**.