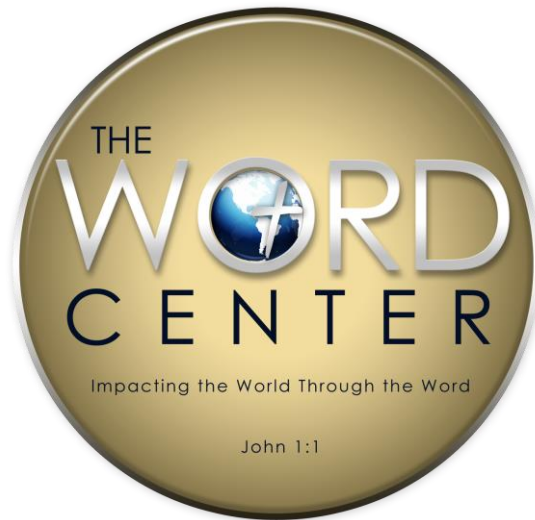


**Bible Study Packet  
Week 2**



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## Ephesians 1:15-23

### Thanksgiving and Prayer

Read through the whole passage at least once before beginning the questions. Then review the theme of the letter and the title for 1:15-23 to orient yourself. You might also want to skim the questions before answering any.

1. For what did Paul give thanks (*see verses 15-16*)?

2. What did Paul pray that the Ephesians would gain?

**verse 17**

**verse 18**

## **verse 19**

3. This section of the first chapter of Ephesians deals with some important themes. To gain a better understanding of Paul's rich teaching in this passage, study the following cross references and note what you learn about each topic.

### **Your Hope in Christ** (verse 18)

1 Corinthians 15:19-23

1 John 3:1-3

### **Your inheritance through Christ** (verse 18)

Roman 8:15-17

Ephesians 1:3-14

1 Peter 1:3-6

**God's power through Christ** (verses 19-23)

Romans 8:11

2 Corinthians 4:5-7; 12:9-10

John 14:12 -14

4. God's power in us is His power that raised Jesus from death, says Paul (Ephesians 1:19-20). What is most significant to you personally about this truth?
5. a. What knowledge (see verse 17) is basic to fulfilling Paul's prayer in verses 18-19? Why?
- b. What do you think are some practical means of acquiring this knowledge? (A helpful passage here might be John 14:21-26.)

6. a. Describe the relationship between Christ and the Church that verses 20-23 depict.

b. How does Christ's position relate to you personally?

7. In your own words, summarize 1:15-23.

8. List any questions you have about 1:15-23.

9. Is there one particular discovery from your study of Ephesians 1:15-23 that you would like to begin putting into practice? If so, write down what it is and how you can go about applying it.

### **Following Paul's Example**

Begin to pray according to the model that Paul set forth in Chapter 1 of this letter. Pray the praise, thanks, and requests for yourself and for whomever God leads you to pray, whether close to you or in distant places. (Remember how far Paul was from Ephesus.)