

## **A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR A GREAT CHURCH**

Being “In Christ” Gives us a New Perspective

Ephesians 1:15-18

The Apostle Paul had specific reasons for \_\_\_\_\_.  
His thankfulness is a direct response to God’s \_\_\_\_\_

### **Ephesians 1:15–16**

- God’s sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ means salvation for those He has \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 4
- God has \_\_\_\_\_ those He chose to be \_\_\_\_\_ as His sons – v. 5
- God has \_\_\_\_\_ those He has chosen through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ – v. 7
- God has \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of His chosen ones – v. 7
- God has \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ upon His chosen ones – v. 8
- God has \_\_\_\_\_ His chosen ones an \_\_\_\_\_ – vv. 11, 14
- God placed His Holy Spirit in those whom He has chosen as a sign that He will \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_: Salvation which can never be taken away – vv. 13, 14

He is also thankful for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of the Ephesian believers.

- These Christians have a solid \_\_\_\_\_ as people of \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Ephesians 1:15–16**
- True Christians \_\_\_\_\_ out their faith in \_\_\_\_\_ to other believers.  
**Ephesians 1:15–16**

Most \_\_\_\_\_ do not have “and your love” and should be read:  
**Ephesians 1:15–16**

The Apostle Paul gives us an example of \_\_\_\_\_ for others, which is one sentence stretching from verse 15-23.

### **Ephesians 1:16**

Pray that God would give believers a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Ephesians 1:17**

Pray that God would \_\_\_\_\_ His Word clearly in the \_\_\_\_\_ of His followers.

### **Ephesians 1:17; Isaiah 11:1–2**

Pray that the eyes of true believers’ hearts would be \_\_\_\_\_ to know the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Great God.

### **Ephesians 1:18**

To have the eyes of your heart enlightened means that God Word now \_\_\_\_\_ a clear \_\_\_\_\_ for believers.

### **Ephesians 5:13–14; Psalm 119:105**

Those who have been enlightened \_\_\_\_\_ on all around them.

### **Luke 11:33, 36; 2 Corinthians 4:6**

Only those who have been enlightened and are \_\_\_\_\_ in their faith are considered spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Ephesians 4:13**

Pray that true believers would live up to the high calling of being God’s \_\_\_\_\_: He \_\_\_\_\_ those He has chosen.

### **Ephesians 1:18**

In verses 11, 14 we \_\_\_\_\_ an inheritance but in verse 18, we \_\_\_\_\_ an inheritance.