

Thanksgiving, Prayer and Reflection

Lesson 2

Ephesians 1:15 - 2:10

Thanks and Prayer - Ephesians 1:15-23

1. As Paul thought about these dear saints that he was writing, his heart filled with joy and thanksgiving. He wrote, "*For this reason ... I have not stopped giving thanks for you.*" What two reasons did Paul mention? (Ephesians 1:15)

2. Paul told them that he remembered them in his prayers. (Ephesians 1:16) Using verse 17:
 - How did Paul address God?

 - What did he pray for?

 - Why did Paul say that was so important?

3. Paul continued, asking that "*the eyes of your heart may be enlightened...*" (Ephesians 1:18a) Since a heart does not have eyes, what do you think Paul was saying?

4. What was his stated purpose in asking God for this enlightenment? (Ephesians 1:18, 19a)
 - That you may know:

 - The riches of:

 - And His incomparable:

5. As Paul wrote, he seemed to reflect on God's power and mighty strength. Make a list of the ways Paul said that God's power has been displayed in Christ. (Ephesians 1:20-22)

6. How did Paul describe the universal church, referring to all believers? (Ephesians 1:23)

The Human Condition without Christ - Ephesians 2:1-3

7. Remembering that "you" means Gentiles, what did Paul say about the human condition when "you" were without Christ? (Ephesians 2:1)

8. What and who did they follow before Christ? (Ephesians 2:2)

9. At the beginning of verse 3, Paul changed from "you" to "us" including both Jews and Gentiles. What is the focus and the result of any life that is without Christ? (Ephesians 2:3)

For Those With Christ - Ephesians 2:4-10

10. What changed that human condition? (Ephesians 2:4-5a)

11. What brought about that great opportunity for salvation? (Ephesians 2:5b)

12. When Paul wrote that "*we are alive with Christ*," (Ephesians 2:5) what was he referring to? (Ephesians 2:6)
 - Why? (Ephesians 2:7)

13. Because this is so important, Paul repeated how we are saved. Using verses 8 & 9, explain in your own words how someone can receive salvation.

14. What was Paul's description of those who are alive in Christ? (Ephesians 2:10a)

15. In Christ, what is the believer created to do? (Ephesians 2:10b)

Reflect:

Reread verses 8 - 10 and spend some time reflecting on this incredible **gift** God has given to you.

What do you think your response should be in your:

- Attitude?

- Action?