**PASTOR E’s BIBLE STUDY NOTES**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

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Thank you for joining us for Bible Study. Tonight, we continue our verse-by-verse journey through the book of Ephesians. LET’S DIG IN!!

**Introduction:**

* **Spiritual balance... Praise and prayer...**
* **Paul’s prayer is three-fold:**
1. **THANKSGIVING & PRAYER BECAUSE OF THEIR FAITHFULNESS AND LOVE... vs.15-16**
	1. **Paul is motivated by the faith and demonstration of love to give thanks and pray for the believers in the Ephesian church.**
	2. **How often do we tell God “thank You” for the believers that He has placed in our lives?**
	3. **How often do we pray for the each other? Even those who we think are strong need our prayers.**
2. **INCREASE IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND REVELATION OF GOD... vs.17-19**
	1. **This is experience and mind... he prays that they know God more greater and experience God more fully.**
	2. **Three areas: to remember and fulfill our call, to look forward to our inheritance in heaven and to appropriate God's power in the right now.**
	3. **In what ways do you want to know God better?**
3. **TO EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF GOD IN THEIR DAILY LIVES… vs.20-23**
	1. **Man has two insurmountable problems. One he is mortal and will die. Two he is fallen and is evil. But God demonstrated through Christ two things: One, the power to overcome this and two, the power to overcome it on our behalf.**
	2. **And Paul’s prayer is that we experience this power of God in our daily lives. He exclaims “this same power” is at work in our lives.**
	3. **Power over sin. Power to grow us and mature us. Power to work in and through us.**
	4. **Finally, he says this power fills us.**
	5. **In what ways do you need to experience God’s power?**