Ephesians 1 (Part 2): Know your wealth (1:11-23)

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## Overview:

## 1. Where we are in 1.15 - ‘for’

## 2. Proof Paul is not writing to the wrong people.

### Paul prayed for them as God’s true people because he saw the evidence of God’s true blessing in them:

#### Faith

#### Love

##### Love is usually a summary of the Spirit’s work.

##### Love is the outcome of God’s work in Christ – since the love of God is the root, the love for God and His church is the fruit, and the capacity and expectation is to love the trunk, and therefore love the name of the whole tree: (Eph 1:15) I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints

### 2a. (Eph 1:16 NIB) I have not stopped giving thanks for you = v3 - ‘Bless God’

## 3. What to ask for for the people who have everything already

### How we can see the points:

### A prayer for ‘knowing God’ (get ready to double click all the way)

#### ‘Wisdom and Revelation’

### 3a. The hope of this life God has predestined so that we are v3-14

##### The sequence of thought in the prayer

##### This means that Christians who don’t know more than ‘Jesus loves me’ are incredibly poverty-stricken, and consequently too emaciated to serve according to God’s standards.

### 3b. Knowing the measure of your wealth

#### v18b - The rich glory of possession by God in the saints

##### The true measurement of wealth

#### The clearest sign that this disease, Christian poverty, is happening on the planet? The church – the state of the church’s measuring up to Ephesians.

### 3c. Knowing the infinitely great power of God

## 4. The apex measurement: the pinnacle, purpose and sum of all of God’s plans in Christ

### In the heavenly realms

## 5. The apex result: the church, his fullness

### - gave him as head over all things to the church

# God wants you to know your wealth and His power:

## To know what we have in Christ is the point of this life

### (Eph 1:17-18) ‘may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know’

## Implications / Challenge