

Prayer for Ultimate Enlightenment **Ephesians 1:17-19**

Ephesus: A healthy church still in need of...

Gospel Eyes (v17)

1 Peter 1:10-12

Hope for the Future (v18)

Acts 19-20 – much good and bad going on

2 Cor 1:8-10 – Paul is not immune

Power-Awe (v19)

Application:

How does this passage affect your response to these things?

- Personal evangelism?
- Cultural pressures?
- Relational struggles with other Christians?
- A situation in your life where you feel powerless?
- A situation in your life where you feel overwhelmed?

Quotes

“Is it any wonder that when the apostle ponders the fact that he himself and also those addressed had been emancipated from the most dreadful evil and had been restored to the most unimaginable good, and this by the very God against whom they had rebelled, and at such a cost, and that God had even given to them the Holy Spirit as a pledge and foretaste of future climactic bliss when they would receive their full inheritance and would stand forth in dazzling splendor as God’s very own, - in view of all this is it any wonder that he begins his magnificent doxology by saying, ‘Blessed be’ and that he ends it with ‘to the praise of his glory?’” William Hendricksen

“Nobody can emerge from a careful reading of Paul’s letter to the Ephesians with a privatized gospel. For Ephesians is the gospel of the church. It sets forth God’s eternal purpose to create through Jesus Christ a new society which stands out in bright relief against the somber background of the old world.” John Stott

“The God who is in charge of my eternal life is also in charge of my everyday life.”