

Simplicity of the Christian Walk – Ephesians 1:15–23, Part 2

Introduction

Words: cultivate, Ephesians, faithful, keep, love, thanksgiving

Paul's prayer begins with _____ for the _____ living of the believers and their _____ for one another.

But having seen that the church in _____ later lost their first love, we ask:

How do we _____ and _____ a faithful Christian walk?

1) Verses 17–18a — Petition for continued spiritual growth

Words: apply, attitude, disposition, glory, knowledge, petition, revelation, seek, understand, wisdom

Paul directs his _____ to the Father of _____, the One who is majestic, holy, and pure.

A: A spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him

He asks that believers would be given a spirit of _____ and _____ in the _____ of God.

This is not the Holy Spirit or the human spirit, but a _____ or _____ shaped by God.

It is a God-given desire to _____ Him, to truly _____ who He is, and to _____ that knowledge rightly in life.

B: The eyes of your heart may be enlightened

Words: apply, clearly, enlightened, growth, heart, inner, knowledge, prayers, revealed

Paul also prays that the eyes of our _____ (our mind, intellect, _____ person, thoughts) would be _____.

This means truth being _____, not hidden or vague. Col 3:16, Luke 24:31-32

True spiritual _____ comes through _____, and knowing how to _____ what we know.

This challenges us to think about our _____ — both for others and for ourselves.

2) Verses 18b–19a — Knowing the Father's purpose for us

A: The hope of His calling

Words: anchored, assurance, calling, conduct, heaven, hope, live, respond, summoning

Paul wants believers to know the _____ of His _____ — a confident _____ in what is good.

God's calling is more like a _____ than an invitation, and our lives are _____ in _____.

When this hope is clear, it shapes how we _____, how we _____ ourselves, and how we _____ in everyday life.

B) The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

Words: according, future, glorified, inheritance, meditate, motivate, wealth

Believers themselves are God's _____. He sees His people as part of His great _____.

The Father deals with us _____ to our _____, and Christ will be _____ in us.

This is truth we must _____ on carefully. It should _____ us to live according to what we will be.

C) The surpassing greatness of His power toward us

Words: alive, believers, change, evangelise, function, love, power

This power is the ability to exert force in performing a _____. It is for _____ only.

It is the same divine _____ that made us _____.

We have the power to _____ and minister effectively.

We have the power to _____. We have the power to _____.