

PAUL'S PRAYERS

Ephesians 1:17-20 *I pray that the glorious Father, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Christ better. (18) Then you will have deeper insight. You will know the confidence that he calls you to have and the glorious wealth that God's people will inherit. (19) You will also know the unlimited greatness of his power as it works with might and strength for us, the believers. (20) He worked with that same power in Christ when he brought him back to life and gave him the highest position in heaven.*

Throughout the last two thousand years Christianity has been largely a belief system of the mind rather than a living spiritual revelation. Paul understood that while religions generally are a function of the mind, Christianity was the result of a spiritual birth and ongoing spiritual revelation and NOT primarily a function of the brain. And because he understood the importance and necessity of THAT revelation in the life of the believer, he continually prayed that *“the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Christ better. Then you will have deeper insight. You will know the confidence that he calls you to have and the glorious wealth that God's people will inherit. You will also know the unlimited greatness of his power as it works with might and strength for us, the believers.”*

The need for this prayer and this ongoing spiritual revelation is NOT LESS today. This prayer and this revelation, if anything, is MORE necessary today than it ever was..... so I pray that God *“would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Christ better....*

That you will have deeper insight....

That you will know the confidence that he calls you to have...

That you will enjoy the glorious wealth that God's people will inherit....

That you will also know the unlimited greatness of his power as it works within for us who are believers.

And.....if you are willing,you could pray this prayer for me every day of your life. I am not interested in the intellectualized religion of the masses. **I want and I NEED the true knowledge of God and His Son that only comes through the work of the Spirit as HE reveals these realities to me.**

We “ have received the spirit of God's adopted children by which we [almost involuntarily] call out, "Abba! Father! [Does the SPIRIT cry out DADDY! IN YOU? Lord, MAKE IT SO! Please, make it so!]

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. [Does this essential revelation of our faith-relationship regularly ring within you? May the LORD make it so!!!]

*If we are his children, we are also God's heirs.... [Are you recipients NOW or is this just an eternal day-dream?] Romans 8:15-17 And so we pray, Lord, please give us that *spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we can know and experience and live in all that is ours NOW in Christ Jesus. Amen!**

Praying,
George