

studies from
EPHESIANS



The Surpassing Greatness of His Power
1:15-23

- 1.** Read this week's passage.
- 2.** Considering what you have just read and thinking back to Sunday's teaching on this passage, is there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
- 3.** In verse 15 Paul states that he had heard of the Ephesian's faith in Jesus and their love for all of the saints (believers). With Paul's declaration in mind, think of a person who you respect as a Christian and say something about how their faith in Jesus and/or their love for God's family has inspired you.
- 4.** This passage, which contains Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus, begins with the phrase "For this reason." The obvious question becomes "For what reason?" The answer to this question is found in chapter 1 verse 3 where we are told that God has "blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." Discuss how praying with the overwhelming generosity of God in the forefront of your mind might affect your prayer life.

5. There are times when our “spiritual eyesight” becomes blurred and we lose focus on the reality of eternity. Because of this Paul prays that the “eyes of our hearts may be enlightened. . .” (vs 18). What three things in verses 18 and 19 does Paul especially pray that the eyes of our hearts would be able to focus on?

- 1) That we would know the **H**_____ of our **C**_____.
- 2) That we would know the **R**_____ of the **G**_____ of His **I**_____ in the saints.
- 3) That we would know the **S**_____ **G**_____ of His **P**_____ toward us who believe.

Take a few minutes to ponder these three things and then briefly share which one you would most like to see grow in your life and why this might be. *(As a fun option set a 30 second limit for each person’s sharing time)*

6. The blessings of knowing the hope of our calling, the riches of God’s glorious inheritance in the saints, and His surpassing power toward us who believe are assured to us because of the exertion of God’s mighty strength demonstrated in Christ’s resurrection and His ascension (vs 20). How does considering that the tomb was really empty and that Christ’s ascension was to the very highest place of glory, honor and absolute sovereignty change how you see, or ought to see, the world around you?

**The cross is the greatest display of God’s love. . .
The ascension is the greatest display of God’s power!**