

Ephesians 1:15 – 23 Staff teaching Outline (>40 and Married Ladies' Group)

Background

- Acts 18:19
- Acts 19
 - vv. 11, 12
 - v. 13

Structure of Ephesians 1

- 1) The Sovereignty of God in Saving Man in Christ (Eph 1:3 – 14)
- 2) The Supremacy of Christ in Saving Man (Eph 1:15 – 23)

1:15 – 16a

Paul's thanksgiving for the Ephesians for a genuine faith in the supreme Christ

1:16b – 23

Paul's prayer for the Ephesians for a growing faith in the supreme Christ

- Wisdom
- Revelation
- Eyes of the heart be enlightened
 - Hope of God's calling
 - Power of God

Think about

1. What was the end purpose of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians? How does knowing the three things that Paul prayed for affect the way we live and bear fruit in our lives?
2. Think about how we can come to know the sovereign rule of Christ in all things (especially reflecting Jesus as the head of the church)? How do we practice that so that His rule is clearly shown in the way we live?