

AN EASTER PRAYER

Ephesians 1:15-23

The “mystery” revealed...

- *God’s eternal purpose and final goal of the universe is to unite and sum up all things in Christ, things in heaven and on earth.*

In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Him for implementing in the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

(Ephesians 1:9-10)

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¹⁵ For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers; ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

¹⁸ *I pray* that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

(Ephesians 1:15-19)

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1. Petition

- *that they would know what is...*
 - the hope of *His* calling
 - the glorious wealth of *His* inheritance
 - the surpassing greatness of *His* power toward us

...in accordance with the working of the strength of His might²⁰ which He worked in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.²² And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

(Ephesians 1:20-23)

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2. Demonstration

- *God exercised this power in Christ when...*
 - He raised Jesus from the dead
 - He enthroned Jesus as Lord over all things
 - He gave Jesus as head over all things *to the church*

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- Resurrection power toward us...
 - *to raise us spiritually from the dead and seat us with Christ in the heavenly places*

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- Resurrection power toward us...
 - *to overcome the power of indwelling sin and persevere us in faith until the end*

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- Resurrection power toward us...
 - *to protect us and cause us to stand firm against all the powers and schemes of the devil*

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- Resurrection power toward us...
 - *to raise us from the dead imperishable to reign with Christ in the ages to come*

