

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT IN THIS LIFE?
A Lesson from Paul's Prayer
Ephesians 1:15-23

I. HIS REASON FOR PRAYING (15)

- A. The wealth of spiritual blessings these believers have received in Christ (1:3-14)

- B. Their faith in Christ and love for each other (15)

II. HIS REQUEST FOR THESE BELIEVERS (16-18a)

- A. **The context** of his request: Continual thankfulness (16)

- B. **The request:** That God grants them intimate knowledge of Christ (17-18a)

- C. **The basis** for his request: Because their hearts have been enlightened (perf. tense) (18a)

III. HIS DESIRED RESULT (18b-23): That they would know what is...

- A. The **(hope)** of His calling (18b)

- B. The **value (worth)** of His inheritance, the saints (18b)

- C. His **incredible power (strength)** available to them (19-23)