

*I Thank God: Part 2 of 2
Flying through Ephesians*

Ephesians 1:18b–23

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INTRODUCTION

Review of the Exposition:

1:3–14: Believers ought to praise the Father:

(1) because God chose the Jewish (& the Gentile) parts of the Church to be holy in phase 3
in other that the Church would praise the Father

(2) because Christ:

(a) graciously redeemed the Church from death,

(b) graciously revealed that He will head the universe in the Millennium, &

(c) made the Church a Millennial inheritor

in order that the Church would praise the Father,

(3) because the Holy Spirit protects the inheritance of Jews and Gentiles in the Church
in order that the Church would praise the Father.

1:15–18a [In light of the Father preparing, the Son acquiring, and the Holy Spirit protecting the inheritance of both Jewish and Gentile portions of the Church (1:3–14)] Paul prays that the Holy Spirit would teach these already enlightened Ephesians them (through the revealed word)

Exposition:

1:18b [The first content that Paul prays that the Holy Spirit would teach them through the revealed word is] the hope entailed by their calling

2:12 at that time you [Gentiles] were without **hope**

4:1 I beseech you [Gentiles] to walk worthy of the **calling** with which you were **called**

4:4 you [Gentiles] were called in one **hope** of your **calling**

1:18c [The second content that Paul prays that the Holy Spirit would teach them through the revealed word is] the gloriously rich inheritance that the Church will receive

2:7 God will display the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness to us in Christ

3:8 Paul's message to the Gentiles is the unsearchable riches of Christ

3:13 Paul's tribulations [in prison] are [for] the [Gentile] believers' glory [3:2–13]

Cf. Colossians 1:24–27

1:19 [The third content that Paul prays that the Holy Spirit would teach them through the revealed word is] how powerfully God works on behalf of believers

1:20a [The first explanation of how powerfully God works on behalf of believers is that] it is the same power that He used in raising Christ from the dead

1:20b–21 [The second explanation of how powerfully God works on behalf of believers is that] it is the same power that He used in seating Christ above all the demonic powers

2:2

3:10

6:12

1:22–23a [The third explanation of how powerfully God works on behalf of believers is that] it is the same power that He used in making Christ head of the Church (His body)

1:23b The church is Christ's body, the fullness [that which is filled] by the One [the Father] who fills all things with all things

In other words, What the Father has filled [with people and inheritance] no one can empty

Conclusion

1:15–23 [In light of the Father preparing, the Son acquiring, and the Holy Spirit protecting the inheritance of both Jewish and Gentile portions of the Church (1:3–14)] Paul prays that the Holy Spirit would teach these already enlightened Ephesians them (through the revealed word): (a) the hope their calling entails, (b) the gloriously rich inheritance the Church will receive, and (c) how powerfully God works on behalf of believers (using the same power that raised Christ, seated Him, making Him head over the Church, His body (which the Father fills with people and inheritance))

Application