

**Be Still: Cultivating Intimacy with Our Creator**  
September 30, 2007

“Talking with God about the Needs of Others”  
Ephesians 1:15-21

Introduction:

If you are like most, then it's not uncommon to begin praying only to come up silent, unsure of exactly what to ask for in a given situation. This morning we get an insider's look at the prayers of a saint, as Paul talks to God about the needs of the believers in Ephesus.

Interpretation:

Paul prays for the Christians in Ephesus to be:

- \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ with God's \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ by God's \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_

Application:

## Going Deeper

1. How did Sunday's message challenge you to rethink your prayers for others and for GEBC as a community?
2. How is Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:15-23 similar to Jesus' prayer for all believers in John 17:20-26?
3. How is the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-15 similar in emphasis to Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:15-23?
4. What role does Jesus indicate the Spirit plays in our understanding truth? (John 14:16, John 16:13-14)
5. How does a clearer understanding of our hope, acceptance and power in Christ offer strength for the difficulties you, or your friends and family, are currently facing?
6. What barriers to a greater understanding of God's hope, acceptance and power might be present in your life?
7. Reading Philippians 2:5-11, how does Paul link the obedience of Christ's suffering on the cross to the glory of the resurrection?
8. How might emulating the attitude of Christ described in Philippians 2:5-11 increase the demonstration of his power in your life?

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