

## **In Jesus' Name, Amen!**

***(Ephesians 1:15-23)***

### I. What a **Prayer** ! Ephesians 1:15-19

### II. What a **Power** ! Ephesians 1:19-21

#### A. The Greatest Expression of God's Power = **The Resurrection**

1. The resurrection guarantees our being made right with God.

2. The resurrection gives hope to all.

3. The resurrection assures the victory.

#### B. The Greatest Place of God's Power = **The Seat at the Right Hand of the Father**

1. A seat of glory = Christ has completed His task.

2. A seat of authority = Christ is over all forever.

### III. What a **Purpose!** Ephesians 1:22-23

#### A. Christ is ...

The security and confidence for the Church, all things are under His feet.

The guidance for the Church, appointed Him to be head over everything.

#### B. The Church is....

The Body of Christ, The fullness of Christ, Filled by Christ

The Expression of the incomparable grace of Christ, 2:4-6 The masterpiece by Christ, 2:10

*When we say, "In Jesus Name, Amen", we are acknowledging the power and purpose of God for us who believe, and we are living out our union with Christ!*

#### Reflection Questions:

1. Which verse is the most meaningful to you from Ephesians 1:15-23? Why?

2. Compare the prayer found in Ephesians 1:15-19 with Christ's prayer in John 17:1-26. What similarities do you observe? What does each passage teach about unity, revelation, glory, and authority?

3. Why is the resurrection the greatest example of God's power? Read over I Corinthians 15:20-28.

4. Inheritance can be of possessions, as well as of position. Inheritance is mentioned on a number of occasions in the New Testament and is brought up in Ephesians 1. Explore Romans 8:15-17, I Peter 1:3-5, and Ephesians 1:13-21. What can be learned about our inheritance from these passages? How does it relate to our union with Christ? How may our inheritance affect our prayer life?

5. Today, remembering who we are and what is ours, pray through the prayer on the outline including the name of a person who you know at Christ's Church. Pray with confidence as you are in union with Christ, **"In Jesus' Name, Amen!"**

