

Deeper Life Notes

Rest Assured: "You are Prayed For" (Ephesians 1:15-23)

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Warm up: What does it feel like to be *imbalanced* in your life and walk with God?

Review: Gospel Posture? *Rest Assured...*

We are Blessed (Ephesians 1:1-2)

We are Chosen (Ephesians 1:3-6)

We are Free/Part of the Plan (Eph 1:7-12)

We are Safe (Eph 1:13-14)

Read: Ephesians 1:15-23 ESV

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,
¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,
¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that 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 above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things 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.

THREE ASSURANCES FROM GOD'S PRAYERS FOR US

1. PRAYERS FOR US ARE GOD'S _____ AND _____.¹ (v.15)

a) Jesus is interceding for us (Romans 8:33-34, Hebrews 7:25)

b) Jesus is our Advocate (1 John 2:1)

c) Additional Scriptures: Isaiah 65:24, Zechariah 3:1, Hebrews 4:14-16, Rev 12:10

¹ PLEDGE ... PRACTICE

Application: Rest Assured! -- Trust, Imagine, & Live in light of God's prayers for you...

2. GOD'S PRAYERS FOR US ARE PROVOKED BY OUR _____ & _____.²
(vv.16-17)

Prayer is what spiritual leaders do:

a) Jesus (see John 17:20-26)

b) Paul (Ephesians 1:15-19)

*Paul *heard* about the Ephesians and *thanks* God for them and *intercedes* for them.

c) Pastors & Elders pray for those under their care

Application: Rest Assured! -- Your pastors & elders are praying for you, too.

3. GOD'S PRAYERS FOR US ARE NOT A _____.³ (vv.17-19)

a) "that He may give you..."

b) "having the eyes of your hearts enlightened..."

c) "that you may know what is..."

Application: Rest Assured! -- You have a model for prayer in Scripture to trust & pray.

(see also Matthew 19:13-14, Luke 11:9-10, 1 Peter 5:7)

² FAITH ... LOVE

³ SECRET