

Ephesians 1:15-23. *Christ is King, Period*. Since Holy Spirit has guaranteed via His presence your inheritance, hearing about your trust in the Lord Jesus and your love for all believers, I haven't stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Here's what I've been praying...

- ✓ Spirit wisdom and revelation so you'll know [ἐπιγνώσει] Him better.
 - ✓ Eyes of your heart be enlightened so you'll know the hope to which He's called you so you'll know the riches of His glorious inheritance for believers.
 - ✓ Know His incomparable great power for we who believe, the power which He exerted in the Christ to be raised from the dead, and then positioned on the right hand of Father God Himself.
 - ✓ Know He's far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, beyond every title that can be given, not only now, but in any age to com.
 - ✓ Know He's been placed over all things, and appointed to be head over everything for His followers, the church, which is His body, and the full manifestation of Hime who completes reality in all its dimensions.
- Q What's the difference between wisdom and revelation received from God (v 17)? Does this difference make a difference?
- Q Why do we need a "spirit of" or "the Spirit of" or "spiritual" wisdom and revelation to know Him better?
- Q What does it mean to "know Him?"
- Q Just what is this "glorious inheritance" of which Paul speaks/writes?
- Q How would you characterize the status of the Christ? Which is the most status-inducing?
- Q What are some important implications of asserting that Christ is not only the head of the assembly of believers (the church), i.e., the called out—τη ἐκκλησία—but also Christ's body? What principles of orthodoxy and orthopraxy can we derive from this metaphor?

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For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit [or *a spirit* or *spiritual*] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.