

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SERMON NOTES
JANUARY 10, 2021**

**"EPHESIANS: Thanksgiving, Prayer and Praise"
Ephesians 1:15-23**

"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 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."

1) The two things which must characterize the true Church are:

a) _____

b) _____
(Galatians 6:10)

"Faith finds its focus in Christ and expresses itself in love to others. Such outgoing love is the evidence of genuine faith (Gal 5:6)."

2) Seeing this reality in the Ephesian Church gave Paul cause for thanksgiving! Closely associated with his gratitude to God are his

The word translated as "remembering" is "making mention" which implies _____

3) Paul prays for their (our) enlightenment. Notice that it...

a) (v. 17b) _____

b) (v. 18a) _____

c) (v. 15-18) _____

4) Paul prays for them (us) to grow in our knowledge four things:

a) (v. 17) _____

b) (v. 18) _____

c) (v. 18b) _____

d) (v. 19-23) _____

"This morning let's commit ourselves to grow in our faith and love by growing in our knowledge of God and in our vital relationship with Jesus Christ! The world is waiting!"