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Sermon-Based Discussion

Date 9/25/22 Bryce Taylor Watch the sermon at <u>manheimbic.org/sermon</u>.



BIBLE PASSAGES

Ephesians 1:13-23

13In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14who is the guarantee^d of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it,^e to the praise of his glory.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

15For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love' toward all the saints, 16I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17that 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, 18having 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, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far 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. 22And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Other Scripture: Acts 2:28, 2 Timothy 2:19

Group Discussion & Life Challenge

Use these notes as discussion prompts for your group, or in your personal time with God.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

1) Share a time that someone prayed for you and made a significant impact on you.

2) Paul prays for the saints to have "The Spirit of Wisdom". Why do you think wisdom is such an important prayer for Paul to pray?

3) Bryce mentioned the seven parts of this prayer. Which of the following resonates with you as the most important to focus on, and why?

- **Receive Wisdom**
- **Receive Revelation**
- Get Understanding
- Know your specific calling
- Don't forget your inheritance
- Living aware of the greatness of the house we come from

His power is always at work

4) How will this prayer from Paul impact the way you will now pray for others?

5) Share with the group (if you can) for who and how you will be praying this week.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS