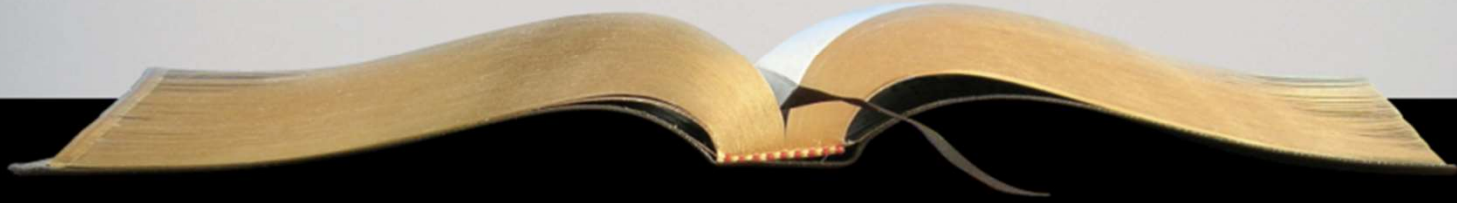
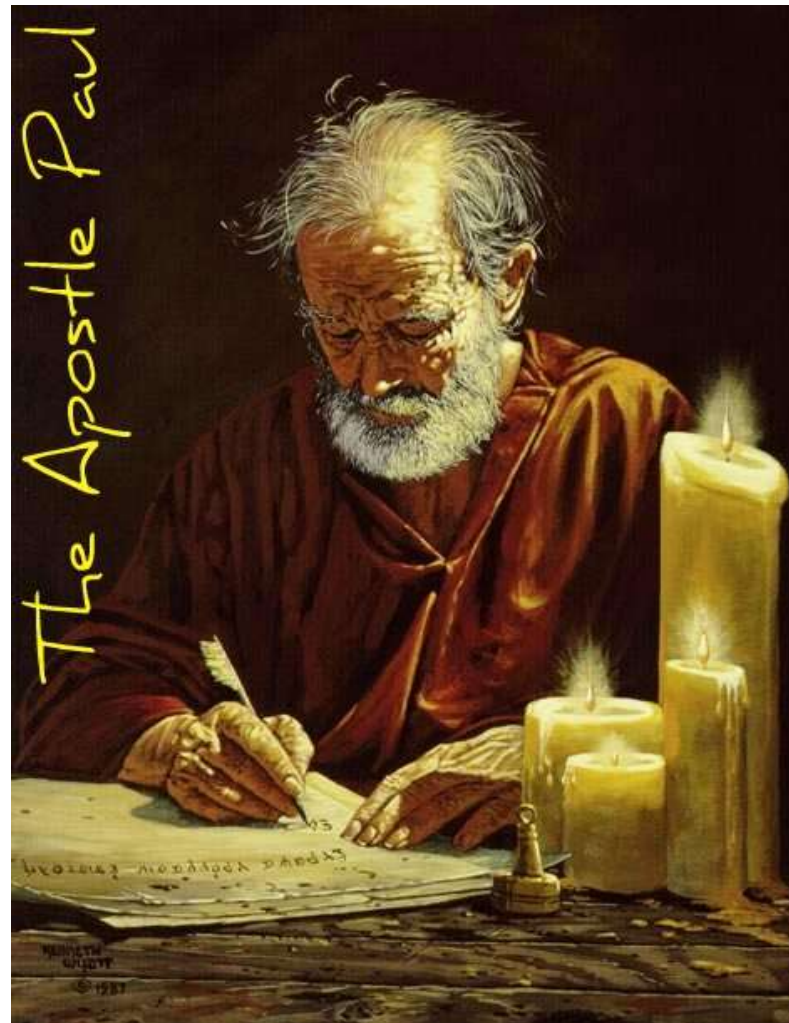


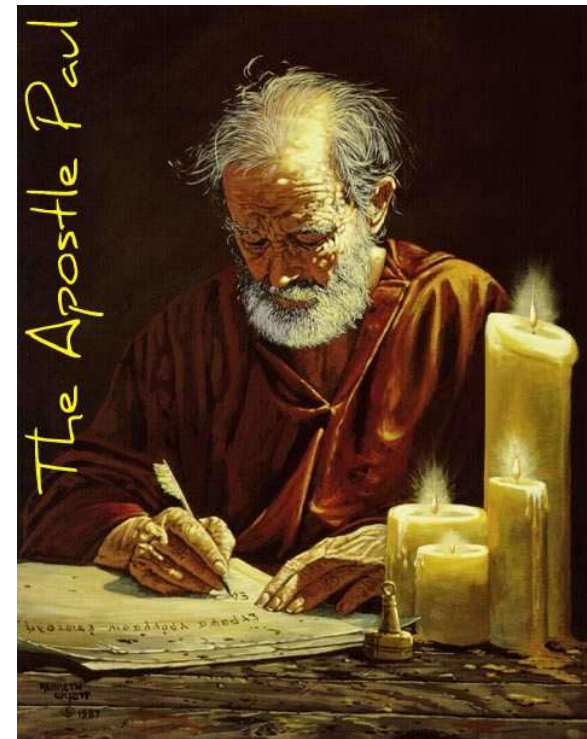
[Ephesians]
Lesson 2
Paul Prayed for
the Ephesian Believers
(Ephesians 1:15-23)



1. Paul **Thanked** the Lord for the Ephesians' **Faith** and **Love**.



(Eph 1:15) Wherefore (then) I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, (16) Cease (stop) not to give thanks for you, making mention (tell) of you in my prayers;



**2. Paul Prayed That the Ephesians
Would Have Spiritual Understanding
and Full Knowledge of God.**



(Eph 1:17) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him (God):

*God wants us to grow spiritually.



*God has given the Bible, this local church (pastors, teachers, members...), and the Holy Spirit to help us grow spiritually.

[John 14:16-17, 26; 16:12-14]

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live in us so He could teach us.



We should pray to God to teach us to know Him and to understand His will.

3. Paul Prayed That the Ephesians Would Know the Hope of Their Calling.



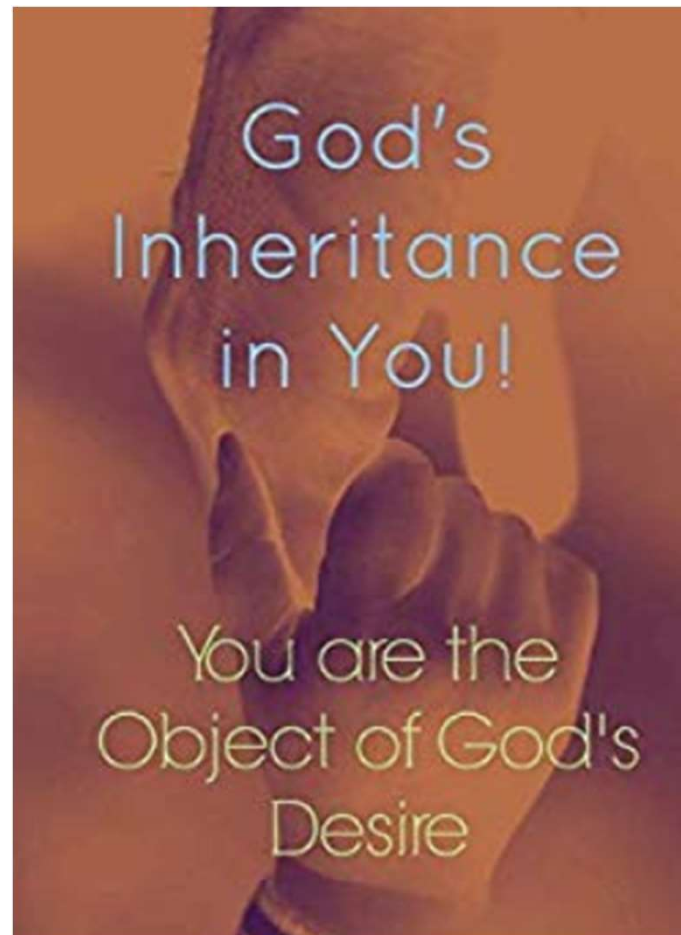
(Eph 1:18) The eyes of your understanding (*thinking*) being enlightened (*clear*); that ye may know what is the *hope of his calling*...



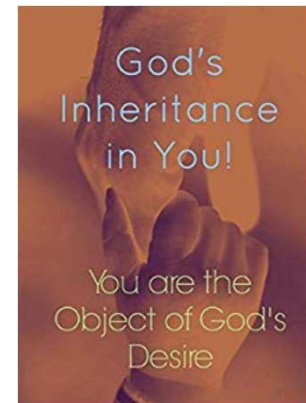
- “hope” [hoping for marriage illustration]
 - See person you want to marry... little hope
 - Person smiles at you... some hope
 - Parents and family are friendly with you... more hope
 - Parents of person agree with you to allow marriage... greater hope
 - Your parents and person’s parents agree on marriage time... very strong hope

[Heb. 6:18-20; 1 Jn. 3:2-3; Phil. 3:12-14]

4. Paul Prayed That the Ephesians Would Know the Riches of the Glory of God's Inheritance in the Saints.



(Eph 1:18) *The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*



**We are God's "inheritance".*

*God purchased us with His own blood [Acts 20:28].

**We are "the riches of the glory" –In us God receives much glory... not because of our goodness/power but because of His goodness/power toward us.*

**5. Paul Prayed That the Ephesians
Would Be Able to Comprehend the
Exceeding Greatness of God's Power
Toward All Believers.**



(Eph 1:19) And what is the exceeding (much) greatness of his power to us-ward (toward us) who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (20) Which he (GF) wrought (did) in Christ, when he (GF) raised him (Christ) from the dead, and set him (Christ) at his (GF) own right hand in the heavenly places,



[Rom. 8:11]

God's Power raised Jesus from the dead.



God's Spirit is now in us.

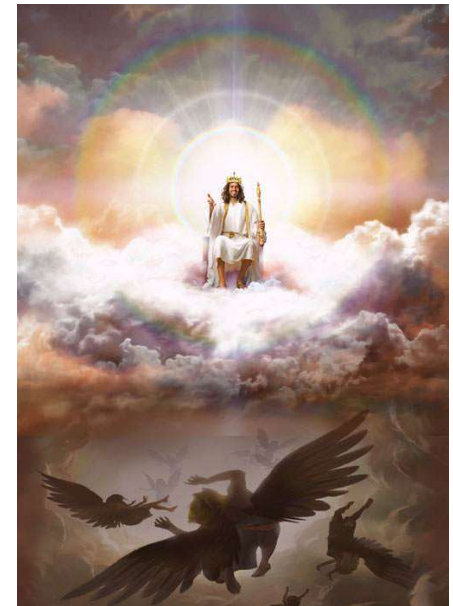
God's Spirit will also raise us from the dead.

6. Paul Explained About the Exalted Position of the Lord Jesus Christ.



(Eph 1:21) Far above all **principality** (rulers), and **power** (authority/boss), and **might** (power/government), and **dominion** (lords/kings), and **every name** (any real or false person/gods) that is named, not only in this world (time), but also in that which is to come (future time):

*God exalted Jesus above everyone and everything.



(Eph 1:22) And hath put all things under his (Jesus) feet, and gave him (Jesus) to be the head over all things to the church, (23) Which is his (Jesus) body, the fulness of him (Jesus) that filleth all in all.

*God gave Jesus the position as Head over Jesus' Church, which is Jesus' Body.

ONE HEAD. ONE BODY.

