

# BECOMING A PEOPLE OF GRACE: AN EXPOSITION OF EPHESIANS

PRAYING LIKE WE MEAN IT

EPHESIANS 1:15–19



## The Heart of the Matter

Praying is usually one of the last disciplines we master. Have you found that true in your life? God's people can share their faith with others, open God's Word to read and study it with delight, and even stand up to teach or offer devotional thoughts on a passage from its pages. But praying is another animal, isn't it? Devoting ourselves to prayer in private can seem boring and unhelpful because it may not yield tangible and immediate results. However, if we pray in faith—like we really mean it—the benefits, tangible or not, will be more than apparent.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. Paul Praised God for the Ephesians (Ephesians 1:15–16)

Paul thanked God for the Ephesians' loyalty to Christ and for their love for others.

### 2. Paul's Petitions for the Ephesians (Ephesians 1:17–19)

Paul asked God to grant the Ephesians a greater knowledge of Christ and that their hearts might be enlightened.



## Starting Your Journey

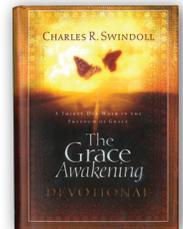
Commit to praying regularly for knowledge and enlightenment that God might work through you in a more powerful way.



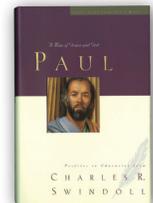
## Tools for Digging Deeper



Becoming a  
People of Grace  
An Online Course on  
the Book of Ephesians  
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