

**“My Prayer For Us In 2022”**  
*Ephesians 1:15-23*

*“Open my eyes so that I may contemplate wonderful things from Your instruction”*  
*Psalm 119:18*

This morning, I want to share my prayer for us in this New Year as I am confident that we will face many challenges, pains and joys together. My prayer is that you all would grow in your knowledge of God and understand what you have in Christ. By knowing Christ, and who we are in him, it will enable us to endure with joy through all of the trials that we will face this year.

Let’s consider Paul’s prayer for the believers at Ephesus and how it applies to our lives now.

- **He was thankful to God for His work of grace in their lives. vs. 15-16**
  - *They had faith in Christ*
  - *They had love toward all the saints*

Faith in Jesus and love for other believers are two characteristics of an authentic Christian.

- **He prays that God will open their spiritual eyes. vs. 17-20**
  - He desires that they know God better.
  - He prays that they know the blessings of the gospel better.

*“It is easier to teach a tiger vegetarianism than an unregenerate person the gospel.”*  
*Charles Spurgeon*

- **He praises God for the exaltation of Christ. vs. 20-23**
  - Jesus’ resurrection is an inauguration of the final resurrection.

Christ is the place where God’s presence, power, and salvation are known, and the church draws from this fullness.