

Spiritual Depth and Reality – the Backstory

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 33

Ephesians 1:17f.

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¹⁵ For this reason I, for my part, since hearing of your own faith in the Lord Jesus, and of the love which *you show* unto all the holy ones,

¹⁶ I do not cease giving thanks for you while making mention of you¹ during my prayers,

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of² wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,...

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Introduction:

I. Reality “_____”

A. The Reality of _____

1. His _____

2. His _____

a. Utterly *sovereign*
Psalm 33:11

Daniel 4:35

b. Utterly *self-sufficient*
Psalm 50:10–12

1 Chronicles 29:14

c. Utterly _____
Isaiah 40:28b

Romans 11:33a

Romans 16:27

d. Utterly _____
Exodus 15:11

Isaiah 6:3

e. Utterly *good and loving*
Psalm 106:1

1 John 4:8

f. Utterly _____ful
Psalm 27:4

Ezekiel 1:27–28

B. The Reality of _____

1. What it _____

Deuteronomy 4:8

Psalm 12:6

Psalm 119: 160

¹ Some manuscripts do not contain “of you”; if absent, it would be implied, regardless.

² Or “the Spirit of,” or even “spiritual wisdom and revelation.”

Romans 7:12

John 6:63b

Hebrews 4:12a

2. What it _____ (Psalm _____)

II. Reality “_____”

A. The Start: Genesis 3, 6:5

B. The St_____:

1. 1 Corinthians 1—2

2. 2 Corinthians 2:15—4:6

III. The Reality of Regeneration

A. What We Need: Deuteronomy ____:_____

B. What God Does

1. In OT terms:
 - a. Jeremiah 31:33-34
 - b. Ezekiel 36:25-27
2. In NT terms
 - a. John 3:1-3
 - b. 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

- c. 1 Thess. 1:4-5; 2:13

C. Why Paul Prays