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- **Ephesians 1:17-23:** that 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, ¹⁸ having 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, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far 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. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

NOTICE: Paul's words, "The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory," this greeting of Paul's (and multitudes of others like them) highlight that truth that Paul never considered that Jesus was actually God the Father. Whenever Paul speaks of God and of Christ together, he always makes a clear distinction between the two by very deliberately using the titles, the Father and the Son.

In this prayer Paul is not praying that God would enlighten the mind of believers so they would have a revelation that Jesus is actually God the Father (as many believe), because he clearly makes a distinction between God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ by beginning the letter with, God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rather Paul is praying that God the Father would enlighten every believer's mind so they would know:

- The eternal hope to which God the Father has called them.
- The riches of God the Father's glorious inheritance that is in them.
- The Father's immeasurable greatness and power toward them.

Paul in these verses is saying that a believer's hope and God's riches, God's power and His glorious inheritance and His immeasurable greatness are all in the Lord Jesus Christ and that God the Father has raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at His right-hand side. This must surely confuse those who hold to the teaching Jesus is God since this would mean that God has exalted Himself from the dead to sit alongside Himself. This of course is foolish talk and no one believes it, but hopefully it might at least inspire those who have been indoctrinated by traditional religion to believe that Jesus is God to question the theory with an open mind. Added to this God is eternal which means if he was Jesus it would have been impossible to have him put to death since eternal means immortal, indestructible whoever is eternal cannot die, if they could they would not be eternal.

Paul is praying that the mind of every brother and sister in Christ would be enlightened to the revelation that the global church is made up of men and women who are born descendants of Abraham, born a Hebrew or born a Jew or born of any other nation and that it includes people who are noble and people who are lowly, those who are rich and those who are poor, men and woman who have great knowledge and others who lack. Paul is praying Jews and Gentiles alike would know that whoever has faith in Christ belong to the global body of Christ the church of which Jesus is the head. Paul in these verses is shining a light on the truth that God the Father has given Jesus all authority and power over every rule, power, dominion and authority and every name that is named, in this age and in the eternal age to come and therefore those who belong to Christ's Kingdom should submit to his authority and uphold him in their hearts and minds as their supreme Lord and King. Paul wants all those who are trusting in Christ to know that everything they need for salvation is in the Lord Jesus Christ. In Jesus is forgiveness of sins, eternal life and all the eternal promises made to Abraham and the inheritance of eternal life.

Paul is praying that every faithful believer would understand that everything they need for eternal salvation is in Christ whoever has Christ has eternal life since Christ is in God and God is the source of all life. The entire theme of Paul's prayer is that those trusting in Christ would come to the knowledge, that God the Father has given all of His authority and power to His Son the Lord Jesus Christ and the revelations that if they are in Christ, they are in God and therefore will inherit eternal life.

Remember: at the time of Paul the Jews (especially the religious leaders) considered themselves the holy race with God and the Gentiles an unclean race without God. Added to this Jews who had been indoctrinated in Moses law for around four-thousand years were coming together with Gentiles who had worshipped idols and pagan gods all their life.

NOTICE: the global body of Christ is the fullness of God who fills all in all (v23). This means that every faithful brother and sister in Christ collectively forms the completion and fulfilment of God's eternal plan that He purposed from before time began. The global body of Christ will become the eternal family of God and brothers and sisters of Christ for all Eternity.

The words, "The immeasurable greatness of God's power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might" (v19) refer to the resurrection. God by His mighty power raised Christ from the dead to eternal glory, when Christ returns to gather the faithful to Himself. God will literally raise thousands from the dead to eternal glory this is what Paul has in mind when he talks of the immeasurable greatness of God's power, who can comprehend such a spectacular event and such breathtaking and awesome power.