



PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

October 8, 2023

<div>Welcome!</div> <div>Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your HEART <small>Psalms 37:4</small></div> <div><p>“Lord, the God of our ancestors, are You not the God who is in Heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand You.”</p></div> <div>Join us at 6pm lesson 5 in our series on Unsolved Mysteries of the Bible</div> <div><p>-----</p><p>Minister: Timothy Agee timothy@teamagee.com 615-330-8652</p></div>	<div>Prayer List</div> <div>Our sympathy to the Walker family in the loss of Terry</div> <div>Maria Hunter Harrington is undergoing tests to determine why she is passing out. She is still in chemotherapy.</div> <div>Steve Webb is back at work, and will go back to back to Texas next month for continued treatment</div> <div>Diane Singleton continues to struggle with her health. They are considering surgery.</div> <div>Continue to pray for: the Mayo family, Doug Demonbreun, Kristine Garrett, Belinda Mayo, Rebecca Brown, the Tabor family, the Buchanan family, Bige Shepherd, Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Keith Walker, Camille Brosky, those in Ukraine; Judy Cook, John Hayes, Nick Phifer, Weston Johnson and Bill Gillock</div> <div>Smile! God is with you!</div>	<div><i>We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7 as Tim continues our study of Romans</i></div> <div>Serving Today</div> <div>Song Leader: Jeff Baker</div> <div>SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: Jeff Baker</div> <div>Prayer: Johnny Walker</div> <div>WORSHIP (10:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: Charlie Baker <i>Ephesians 1:15-23</i></div> <div>Wait On Table: David Billingsley</div> <div>Serve: Johnny Walker Doug Demonbreun</div> <div>Prayer: Jared Roaden</div>								
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My Prayers - this is the first of two prayers in this letter (3:14-21).

Paul's Prayer for Knowledge

God's Mystery Revealed – Ephesians 1:15-23 Pleasant View Church of Christ – October 8, 2023

Saints = Believers
(Not Dead Christians)
*Rom 1:7, I Cor 1:2,
II Cor 1:1, Eph 1:1,
Phil 1:1, Col 1:2

I. P _____
(15-17)

He prays for an increase in their knowledge of God Himself through the His Spirit (1:13-14)

Epignōsis is the fullness of knowledge acquired through personal acquaintance

Connects this prayer to the preceding section on God's blessings (3-14)

¹⁵For this reason, because I have **heard of your faith** in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the **saints**,

Rom 1:8
Col 1:4
Phm 5

¹⁶I do not cease to **give thanks for you**, remembering you **in my prayers**,

If this letter was written to the church at Ephesus, why does he say, "**heard of your faith**," when he was there for 2 to 3 years?
-General Letter (v.1)
-Circular Letter?

¹⁷that 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**,

II. P _____
(18)

¹⁸having 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,

Hope - ἐλπίς (elpis)
A looking forward to in confident expectation
-Rom 5:1-5

III. P _____
(19-20a)

Isa 40:28

¹⁹and **what is the immeasurable greatness of his power** toward us who believe, according to the **working of his great might**

²⁰that **he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead**

Right Hand of God

-Psa 110:1
-Mark 16:19
-Luke 22:69
-Acts 2:33; 5:31
-Rom 8:34
-Col 3:1
-Heb 1:3; 8:1;
10:12; 12:2
-1Pe 3:22

IV. P _____
(20b-23)

Phil 2:9-11

and **seated him at his right hand** in the heavenly places,

The Christ occupies a place of honor and authority

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.

Ps 8:6 1Co 15:27; Heb 2:8

²²And he put **all things under his feet** and gave him as **head over all things to the church**,

Head of the Church

-Eph 4:4-16; 5:23
-Col 1:18

²³**which is his body**, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Paul's Other Prayers for Knowledge

Phil 1:9-11 - "it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment..."

Col 1:9-14 - "we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will..."

How Do We Receive This Knowledge?

2 Peter 1:19-21 - "no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit..."

John 14, 15 & 16 - Apostles of Christ promised by Jesus that the Holy Spirit would bring all the teachings of Christ to their remembrance.

II Timothy 3:16-17 - "All scripture is God-breathed..."

2 Peter 3:15-16 - "...as they do other Scriptures."