**Prayer on Behalf of the Ephesian Believers (1:15-23)**

A. Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians (1:15-19)  
 1. That God Would Enlighten Their Minds (17)

The trinitarian nature of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians is inescapable. In  
short, Paul prays that God would give them the Holy Spirit and the spiritual  
resources they need to grow in their knowledge of God.

2. That God Would Illuminate Their Hearts (18-19)  
 a) To know the hope of God's calling (18b)  
 b) To know that we are God's glorious inheritance (18c)  
 c) To know the surpassing greatness of his power for us (19)

B. The Magnitude of God's Power Displayed in Christ (1:20-23)  
 1. God raised him (20)  
 2. God seated/exalted him (20)  
 3. God subjected everything to him (22)  
 4. God appointed him head over all things for the church (22)