

MONDAY NIGHT MEETING

EPHESIANS - PAUL'S FIRST PRAYER

OCTOBER 31, 2016

I. MOTIVATION FOR THE PRAYER

A. God's great blessing and plan

1. Greatness of God's blessing
2. Greatness of God's plan

B. Because of God's work in the Ephesians

1. Faith in the Lord Jesus
2. Love for all the saints

II. NATURE OF THE PRAYER

A. Full of thanksgiving

1. Why does Paul give thanks?

B. Unceasing petition

1. He keeps on praying
2. He persists in prayer despite his confidence in God working out His plan

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C. Full of faith

1. Paul has taught - Now he asks God to make it real to the students
2. Paul asks for great things

III. THE ESSENTIAL PETITION OF THE PRAYER

A. God would give

1. A Spirit of wisdom
2. A Spirit of revelation

B. It all points to a greater understanding of Jesus