

## SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** February 9, 2020

**Series:** God's Riches

**Title:** Growing in Christ

**Text:** Ephesians 1:15-23

**Big Idea:** Because God is sovereign, we can fervently pray with gratitude for spiritual growth in our own lives and the lives of others.

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# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## REVIEW THE SERMON

What is the pattern of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians in light of God's sovereignty?

## APPLY THE TRUTH

Write one praise report for what you see God doing in and through the life of someone you know.

How can Paul's pattern of prayer shape the way you pray for others?

In what way do you need to be reliant on the work of the Holy Spirit as you pray for people in your life?

How does the *hope of your calling* in Christ help you stand firm in the mist of trials and temptations?

How does the *glory of God's inheritance* shape your identity? List one implication in your own life. (For example, because you are God's inheritance, you don't have to compare yourself with others but can seek to please God alone as you strive to be more like Jesus.)

Why can you be confident that *the greatness of God's power* is enough to transform you steadily from now until eternity? How does this encourage you?

List one way you see God's power at work in you already, and one way you'd like to see his power at work in the future.

## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Choose someone in your life and follow Paul's pattern of prayer as you intercede for them this week.