



Question

Who do you pray for?

What do you pray about?

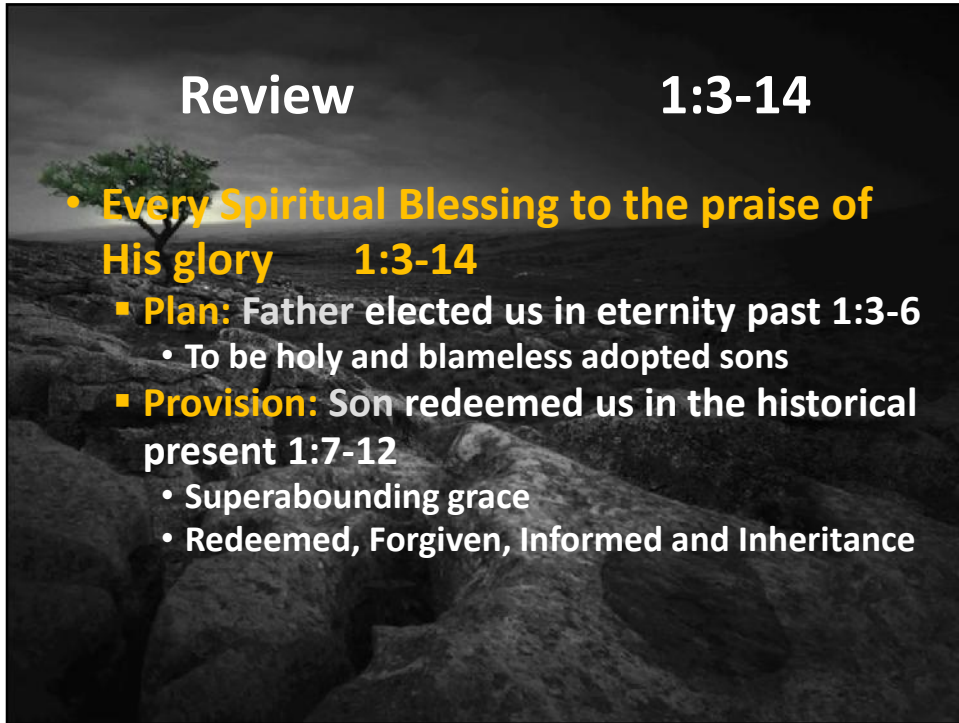
What should be the focus of our prayers?



Review

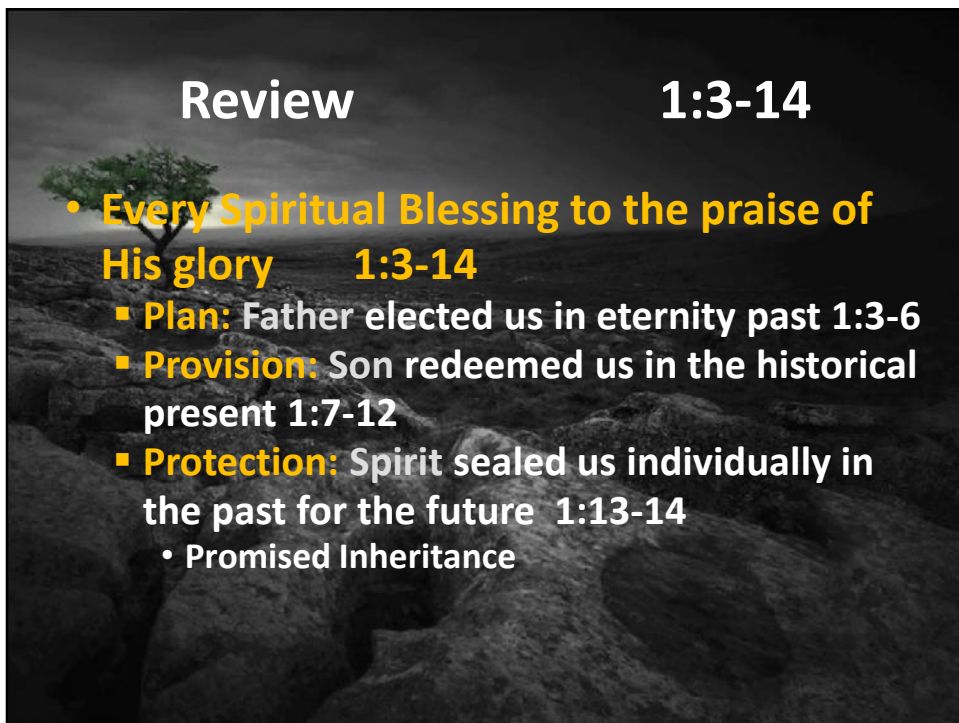
1:1-2

- **Paul writes to those “in Christ” 1:1-2**
 - That they might experience God’s grace and peace



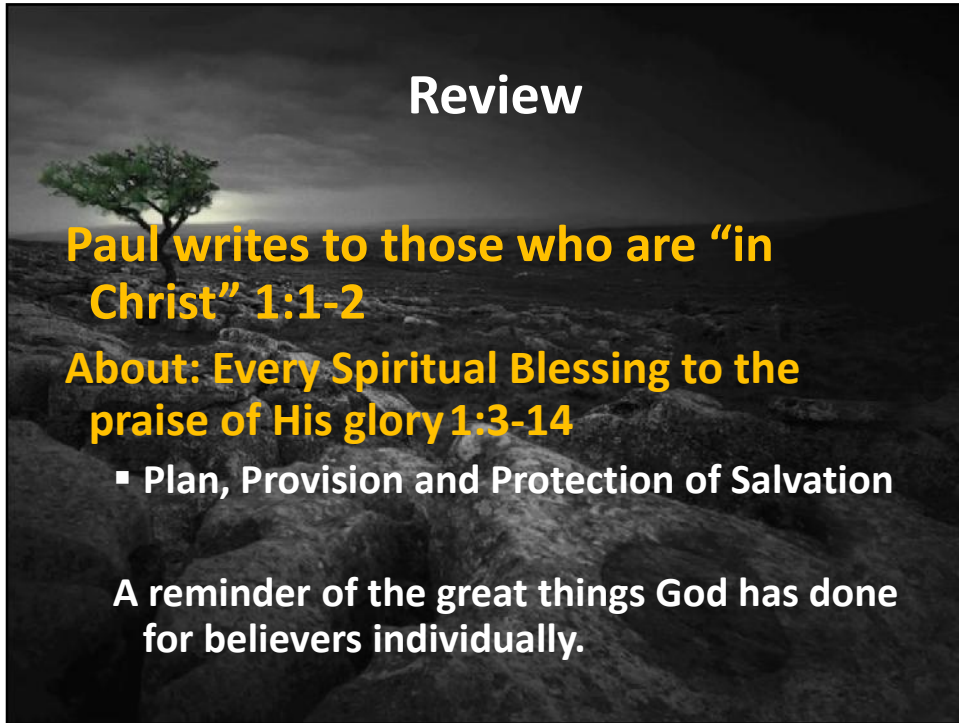
Review **1:3-14**

- **Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14**
 - **Plan:** Father elected us in eternity past 1:3-6
 - To be holy and blameless adopted sons
 - **Provision:** Son redeemed us in the historical present 1:7-12
 - Superabounding grace
 - Redeemed, Forgiven, Informed and Inheritance



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- **Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14**
 - **Plan:** Father elected us in eternity past 1:3-6
 - **Provision:** Son redeemed us in the historical present 1:7-12
 - **Protection:** Spirit sealed us individually in the past for the future 1:13-14
 - Promised Inheritance



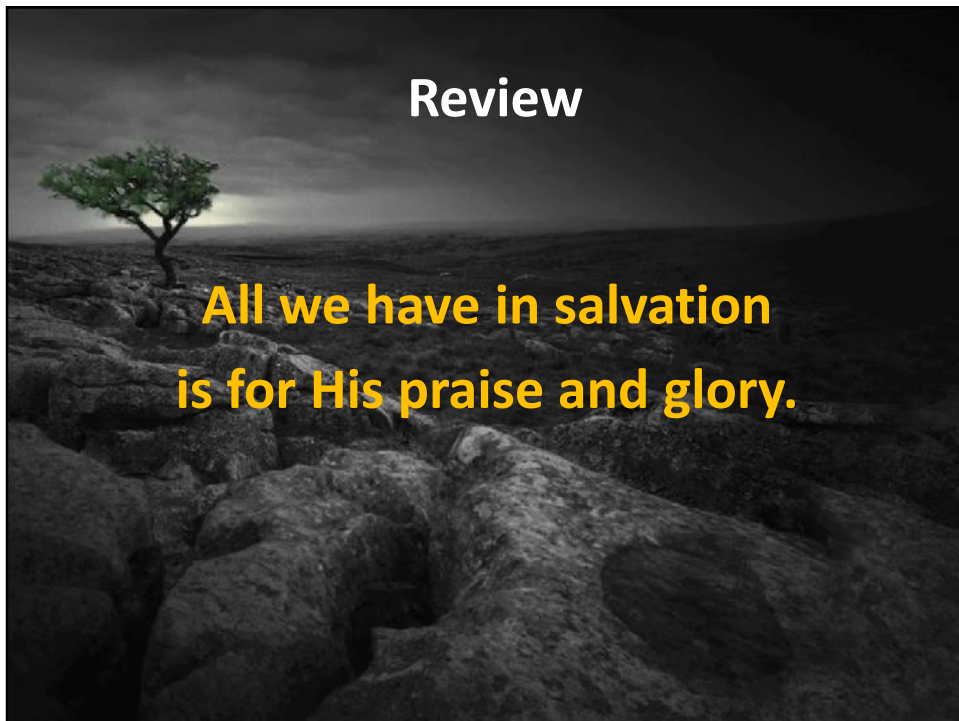
Review

Paul writes to those who are “in Christ” 1:1-2

About: Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14

- Plan, Provision and Protection of Salvation

A reminder of the great things God has done for believers individually.



Review

All we have in salvation is for His praise and glory.



Thanksgiving 1:15-16a

- **“For this reason”**
 - God’s plan, provision and protection of their salvation
- **“I...give thanks”**
 - Faith
 - Love

Prayer 1:16b-23

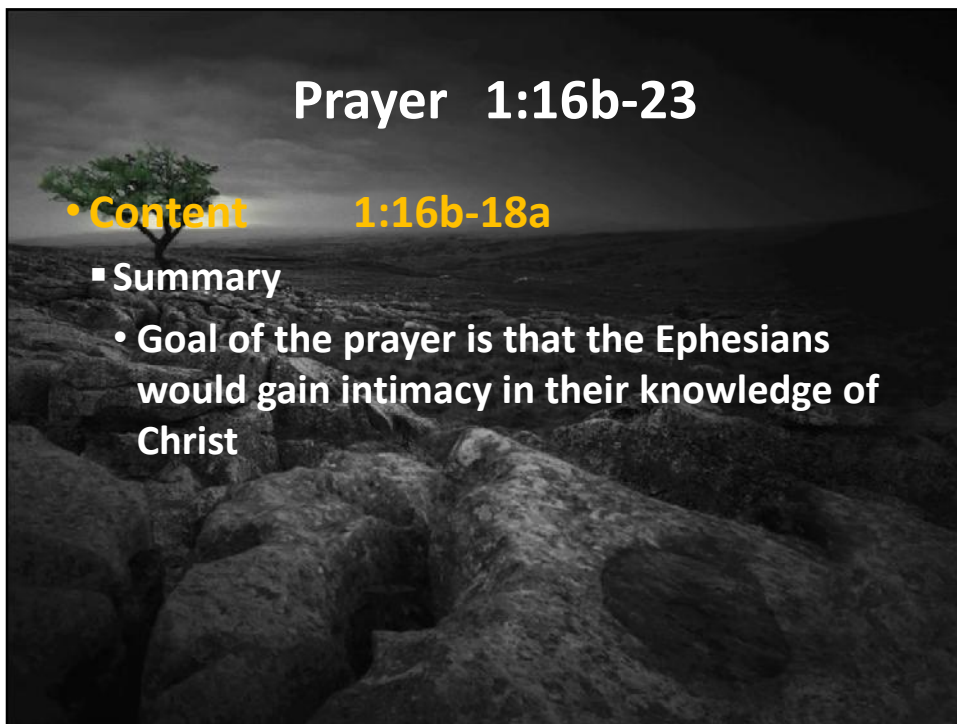
• **Content** 1:16b-18a

- **God's title**
 - God of our Lord Jesus Christ
 - Father of glory
- **Key request**
 - **Spiritual wisdom and revelation in order to know Him (more)**
 - Spirit has already been given to them
 - Prayer is not for the Spirit, but for the effect of the Spirit

Prayer 1:16b-23

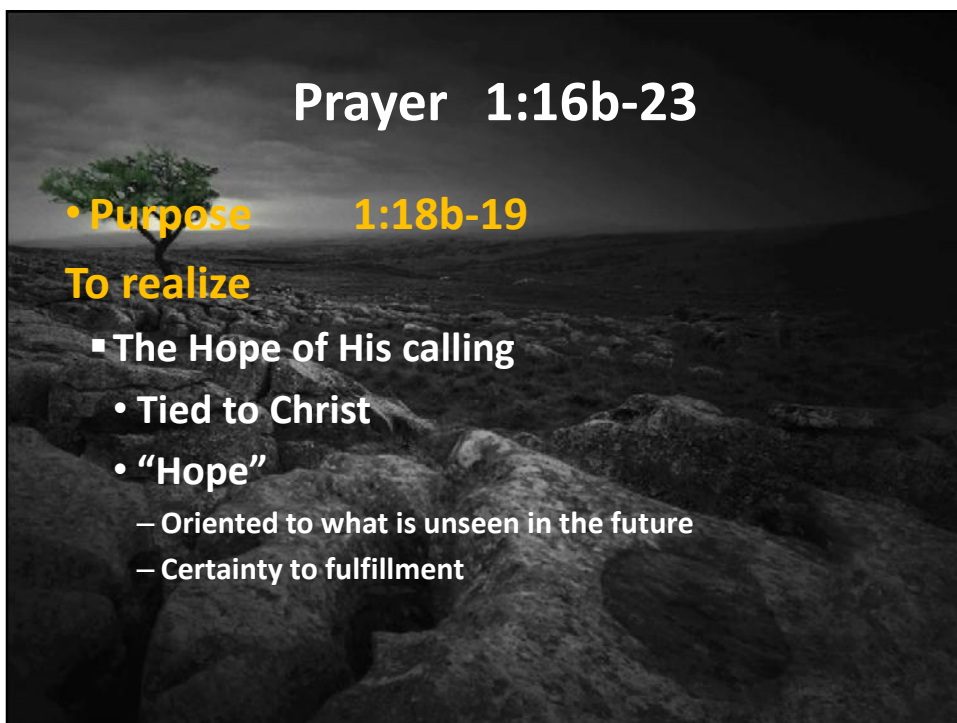
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- **Summary**
 - To fully understand plan, provision and protection explained in 1:3-14
 - The role of the Spirit therefore, is not “more revelation” but the application of the reality of the revelation already given/received.
 - It could be said, that Paul wants the Spirit to personalize the magnitude of the truth.



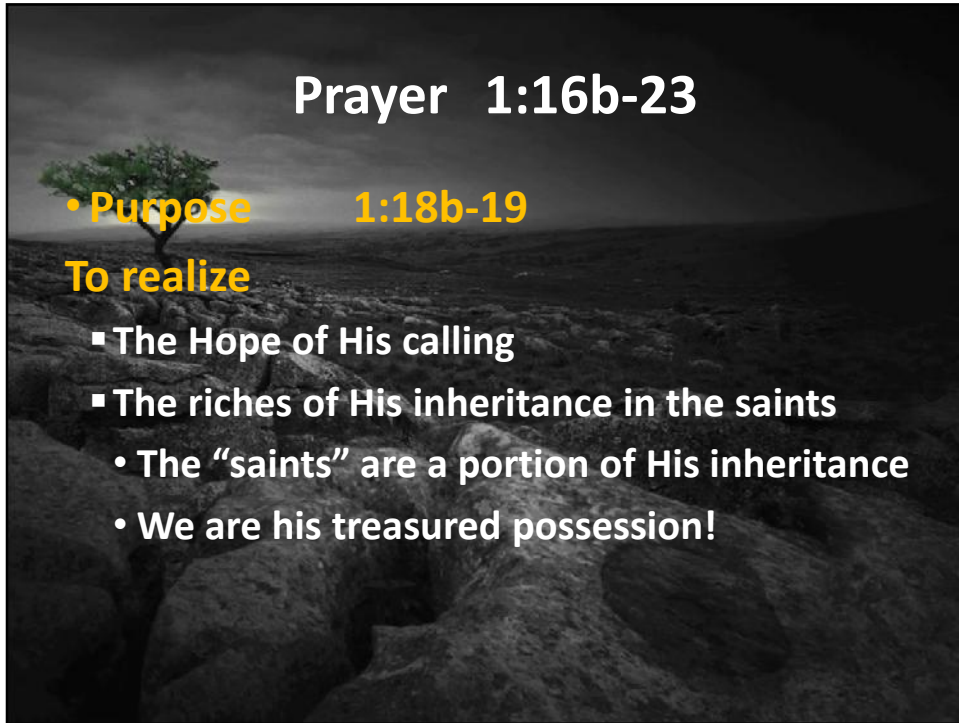
Prayer 1:16b-23

- **Content** 1:16b-18a
 - **Summary**
 - Goal of the prayer is that the Ephesians would gain intimacy in their knowledge of Christ



Prayer 1:16b-23

- **Purpose** 1:18b-19
 - To realize**
 - **The Hope of His calling**
 - Tied to Christ
 - “Hope”
 - Oriented to what is unseen in the future
 - Certainty to fulfillment

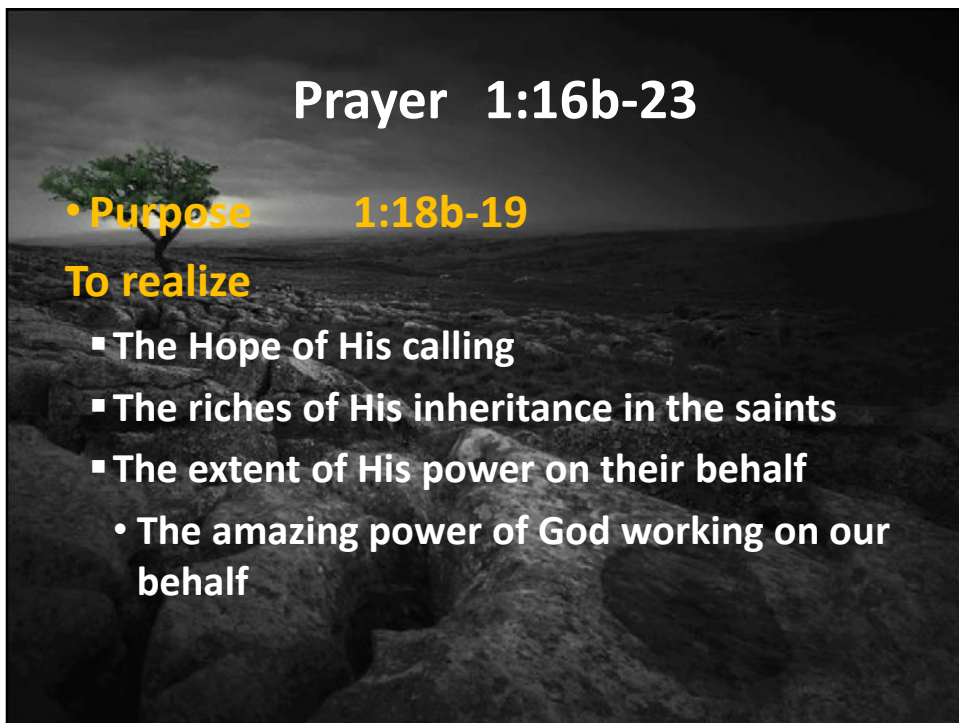


Prayer 1:16b-23

- **Purpose 1:18b-19**

To realize

- The Hope of His calling
- The riches of His inheritance in the saints
 - The “saints” are a portion of His inheritance
 - We are his treasured possession!



Prayer 1:16b-23

- **Purpose 1:18b-19**

To realize

- The Hope of His calling
- The riches of His inheritance in the saints
- The extent of His power on their behalf
 - The amazing power of God working on our behalf

Prayer 1:16b-23

- **Praise to God 1:20-23**

- **Creedal Confession**

- The power to raise and seat Christ
- To subject all things to Him
- To give Him to the Church as Sufficient Head

Summary

- **Prayer for insight to truly know God**

- To realizing the hope, riches and power on their behalf—which is evidenced by Christ current exalted position

**A prayer for those
who have everything!**



Summary

- **Prayer for insight to truly know God**
 - Do we pray that for ourselves? For other?
 - Are we getting to “know” Him better?
 - How do you work toward growth in intimacy with God?



Summary

**A chief object of all prayer is
to bring us to God.**

*P. T. Forsyth, **The Soul of Prayer***

