



# A PRAYER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

Ephesians 1:18

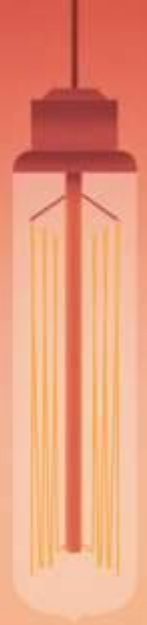
# A SPIRIT OF ENLIGHTENMENT

- Paul prays several things on behalf of the Ephesians (1:15-19).
- Paul often speaks of having a “spirit” of some sort (Gal. 6:1; 2 Tim. 1:7).
- He tells them how they can have access to this revelation and knowledge (3:3-5).
- This is not a prayer for them to passively receive (Matt. 6:11; Jas. 1:5).
- He is praying that they will have the spiritual mind to actively receive God’s truth (1 Cor. 2:14-3:3).



# KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT?

- Unity among the Gentiles and Jews in Christ.
- You were utterly lost and now you are saved.
- The significance of the church.
- The mystery has been revealed.
- The depth of these truths.



# THEREFORE

- Paul appeals to action, he does not expect this will simply happen (4:1).
- He is appealing for them to live up to the picture he just painted.
- Enlighten ought to lead to this conclusion, but we can still choose darkness.

