

# CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR



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## SERMON OUTLINE

**Date:** Sunday, 1/24/10

**Speaker:** Dr. Damian Efta

### ***Exposition of Ephesians 1:15-23 (Part II)***

*Paul's Prayer for Believers*

- A. Giving Thanks to God for His People (1:15-16a)
  - 1. Giving Thanks to God for the Church as His Possession (1:15a)
  - 2. Giving Thanks to God for the Believers (1:15b-16a)
    - a) The Place of Encouragement
    - b) The Fundamental Marks of Believers as a Cause for Thanksgiving (1:15b-c)
    - c) The Presence of Joy in the Heart of the Intercessor (1:16a)
- B. Making Petition to God for His People (1:16b-23)
  - 1. Transition from Thanksgiving to Petition (1:16b-17a)
  - 2. The General Petition: To Know and Understand God (1:17b-18a)
    - a) Spirit of Wisdom in the knowledge of Him
    - b) Spirit of Revelation in the Knowledge of Him
    - c) That the Eyes of Your Heart may be Enlightened
  - 3. The Specific Petitions: Hope, Riches and Might (1:18b-23)
    - a) The Hope of His Calling
    - b) Riches of the Glory of His Inheritance
    - c) Surpassing Greatness of His Power Towards Us Who Believe
      - Power of God Displayed in the Resurrection of Christ (1:20a)
      - The Power of God Displayed in the Enthronement of Christ (1:20b)
      - The Power of God Displayed in the Dominion of Christ (1:21-23)
      - The Riches of God Displayed in the Giving of Christ