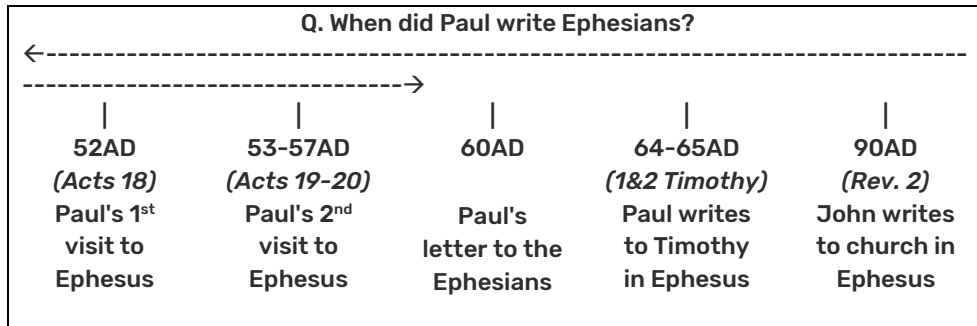


# Sermon Outline

KNOW HIM BETTER | Geoff Lin

Bible reading: Ephesians 1:3-23



Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

The God who is rich in mercy  
(Chapters 1-3)

The God who prepared good works  
In advance for us to do (Chapters 4-6)

Q. What do you pray for?

Prayer #1. "I have not stopped giving thanks for you ..." (vv15-16)

- vertical = "faith in the Lord Jesus"
- horizontal = "love for all God's people"

- giving thanks to whom?

Prayer #2. "I keep asking ... so that you may know him better" (v17)

This week's memory verse: Ephesians 1:17

Recommended Reading: JI Packer, *Knowing God* (1973)

Prayer #3. "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know ..." (vv18-v22)

... the hope to which He has called you

... the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people

... His incomparably great power for us who believe

i. Christ's resurrection

ii. Christ's exaltation

iii. Christ's dominion and rule

- the church universal vs the church local

Q. What do you pray for?

*"Lord, I want to know you better, so help me grow in my convictions about what you are like - no matter how you might change my circumstances. Amen"*

For discussion: what could motivate you to want to pray these 3 prayers? What might hinder?