

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS. Ch.1:15-23.

A. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF BELIEVERS. 15

1. They have "Faith" in Christ. 15
2. They have love to all the saints. 15
3. In the Ephesian believers, both of these had been manifested, for he had heard of them.

B. PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE BELIEVERS. 16-19.

1. It was prayer with thanksgiving 16.
2. It was that they might have a knowledge of Him. 17.
3. It was for an enlightened heart. 17.
4. It was that they they might have:-
 - a. The hope of the believers calling. 18.
 - b. Knowledge of the riches of God's glory vs. 19.
 - c. To know the greatness of God's power to those who believe. 19.

C. THE GLORY AND EXALTATION OF CHRIST. 20-23

1. He was raised from the dead. 20.
God's mighty power is seen in this.
Acts 2:24.
2. God set Him at His own right hand 20-21
Acts 7:56.
Above every power in heaven and earth 21
It is in the present and the coming age
This statement deals with the Gnostic heresy, which had made such headway.
3. God put all things under His feet. 23.
Matt. 28:18-20; 1 Cor. 15:27; Heb. 2:8.
4. God made Him Head of the church. 22-23.
It is His Body. The instrument thru which His work and purposes are completed in the world today.