

Sunday, January 22 , 2012

Ephesians Ch. 1:15-23

Vs. 15-17---Paul commends the members at Ephesus on their faith in Jesus and their love for all the saints. He tells the church he has been praying for them and giving thanks to God for them. He is asking God to give them wisdom and knowledge so they may know His will for them. Remember, when Paul was writing his letters to the different congregations they only had the spoken word. Unlike the church today, we have the written word. God tells us in His word, He has given us everything we need to know His will for us. II Pt. 1:3-10-----II Tim. 3:16-17

Vs. 18-21---In Vs. 17 Paul prayed that the Ephesians might receive wisdom and knowledge. Here in Vs.18 he is praying that their hearts will be touched by God's great love for them, so they may understand the glorious inheritance and His great power for those of us who love Him. This power is like the workings of His mighty strength He used when He raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at His right in heaven. I Cor. 2;9-10---Heb.1:3 tells us, Jesus is now sitting at God's right hand.

Vs. 22-23---Paul tells us that God has placed all things under Jesus control and that Jesus is head of the church which is his body.
Col. 1:15-20----Mt. 28:16-20