

Ephesians 1B Review, Chapter 1:15-23

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Begin by reading these verses.

1. Note the marks of the church: faith, love and giving thanks. Remember to give thanks for others in your prayers today.
2. Paul did what he taught. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
3. John Stott said, "Growth in knowledge is indispensable to growth in holiness." Based on what Paul wrote, why is that? What are you doing to "come to know Him" better?
4. Paul says that we can "know what is the hope to which He has called you." The Bible frequently talks about what we can know. Read 1 John 5:12-13. What is the most important thing about these verses? (This is worth memorizing!)
5. There are three things listed that we can know: hope, riches (of our inheritance) and power. Think about what each of these things means to you.
6. We see the power of God foremost in the resurrection of Christ. Paul was eager to know Christ and His power better and better. Read Philippians 3:7-11.
7. Paul refers to the current position of Christ in verse 22. (Read also Philippians 2:9-11.) What does that mean in your life?
8. Jesus is "head over all things FOR the church".... that's you and me! That is what Martin Luther was referring to in the 3rd and 4th verses of "A Mighty Fortress"
*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!*
9. The church is the "body of Christ". What does that mean in practical terms?

Verse of the week: Hebrews 13b-6a

*God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid."*