

**“Knowing and Living God’s Riches, Glory & Greatness” 12/15/19**  
**Ephesians 1:15-23**

**LESSON 1-** The reputation of the Ephesians brought them Paul’s PRAISE

- A. He commends them for exhibiting true FAITH. V. 15a  
*“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe -- and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?” James 2:19-20*
- B. He also commends them for their love for ALL the saints. V. 15b  
*“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8*

**LESSON 2-** The reputation of the Ephesians brought them Paul’s PRAYER

- A. He prays that they may know the greatness of God’s PROMISES that are found in the knowledge of Him. V.17  
*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” Hosea 4:6*
- B. He prays that they may know the greatness of God’s PLAN. V. 18
- C. He prays that they may know the greatness of God’s POWER. V. 19-20
  - 1) God’s power is shown in raising Jesus from the DEAD V. 20
  - 2) God’s power is shown in enthroning Jesus above Unseen Realm V. 21
  - 3) God’s power is shown by subjecting ALL THINGS V. 22
  - 4) God’s power has made Jesus King of THE CHURCH V. 22-23

**LESSON 3-** There are many ways we hinder God’s best for us.

- A. SIN- LACK OF OBEDIENCE
- B. LAZINESS IN THE WORD
- C. SELECTIVE OBEDIENCE
- D. WALKING BY SIGHT AND NOT FAITH
- E. LACK OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (Galatians 5:16-23)

***Discipleship*** *A disciple will exhibit faith and obedience as a lifestyle!*  
***Response***

*Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples*