

EPHESIANS:

The Heavenly Calling and Walk

Part I.—The Heavenly Calling.

Section I.—God's Sovereign Purpose and Work, Chap 1:1-14.

IN the prison cell at Rome, guarded by Roman soldiers, in the year A.D. 64, sat an old man ; the marks of years of hardship are on his face, and many scars from stoning and scourging upon his person. He is engaged in writing a letter. Looking over his shoulder we read the opening words : " Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints that are at Ephesus, and the faithful in Christ Jesus." There was born this epistle, which for nineteen centuries has been the inspiration and delight of countless thousands of God's people.

The letter was sent by the hand of Tychicus, a devoted disciple and servant of the Lord, who with Onesimus, was starting on a journey to Asia. It was probably not for the Church at Ephesus alone, but to be read in several churches. The words " which are at Ephesus," are not in the older manuscripts. This is the epistle we are now to study.