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Central Scripture: Ephesians Chapter 1

(Continued From Last Week's Meeting)

The Blessings of Our Union with Christ (Chapter 1: 1-14).

In this section Paul identifies the work of God the Father (vs. 1-6), God the Son (vs. 7-12), and God the Holy Spirit (vs. 13-14), in bringing us into His blessings.

I. Our Riches in Christ (vs. 1-3).

1. Paul was commissioned as an apostle to the Gentiles by the will of God(v.1 a).
2. All who believe in Jesus Christ are saints (v.1b).
3. By receiving God's grace through faith we enter into His peace(v.2).
4. To bless God means to give praise, honor, and glory for what He has done for us through Jesus Christ (v.3a).
5. Believers are in possession of ***every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ***(v.3b). These blessings are revealed in verses 4-14. See also Col. 3:1-4.

II. Our Blessings from God the Father (vs.4-6).

1. The Father has chosen us (v.4).
2. The Father has adopted us (v.5).
3. The Father has accepted us (v.6).

III. Our Blessings from God the Son (vs.7-12).

1. The Son has redeemed us (v.7a).
2. The Son has forgiven us (v.7b).
3. The Son has revealed the Father's will to us (vs.8-10).
4. The Son has made us an inheritance (vs.11-12).

IV. Our Blessings from God the Holy Spirit (vs.13-14).

1. The Holy Spirit has sealed us (v.13).
2. The Holy Spirit has given us a pledge (v.14).

Paul prays two prayers for the Church in Ephesus. In Ephesians 1:15-23, we have the first part of the prayer. Here, he prays for the Holy Spirit to give us illumination and understanding regarding God's amazing plan. Then, in Ephesians 3:14-21, he prays that the Holy Spirit will empower us to live Christ Centered lives.

IV. Paul's Prayer for Enlightenment (vs. 15-23).

1. Paul prays four things for believers to be enlightened to. (vs.15-16).
 1. That Believers may grow in the knowledge of God (v.17).
 2. That Believers may be enlightened to know God's calling (v.18a). Calling (invitation), see Matt. 22:1-14.
 3. That Believers may know God's riches that He invested in the Church (v.18b).
 4. That Believers may know God's Power (vs.19-23).

Scriptural References

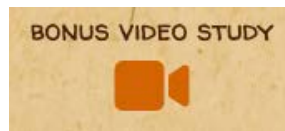
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