

Study Questions  
Ephesians Revisited – Part Two  
Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>

1). Eph 1:3 ¶ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,*

- a). Who is responsible for the blessings given to us?
- b). What kind of blessings are they? Where are these blessings to be found?
- c). When are they to be realized?
- d). When were these blessings set in place?
- e). What else took place in this same timeframe?
- f). What is the Holy Spirit through Paul drawing attention to in these

statements?

- g). What impact does this have for you personally?

2). Eph 1:5 *having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.*

- a). What does it mean that He has ‘predestined us to adoption as sons’?
- b). To what does our adoption as sons refer?

c). Whose purpose is this and how is it described?

d). How has He made us accepted in the Beloved? And how does this relate to the foundational type of Adam and the Woman?

e). Again, what is the Holy Spirit drawing our attention to here?

3). Eph 1:7 *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,*

a). Where is our redemption? How is our redemption brought about? How is it given to us?

b). According to v9 what is the context into which our redemption is set?

c). What redemption are we talking about?

d) Again, whose purpose is this and how is it described?

4). Eph 1:10 *that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him.*

a). What do we learn here about the mystery of His will?

b). What are the 'all things' to be gathered together?

- c). What is the time period being referred to here?
- d). What is the difference between a dispensation and an age?
- e). What does the use of the dispensation tell us then?
- f). Again, what is the Holy Spirit drawing our attention to here?

5). Eph 1:11 *In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.*

- a). What also is to be found in Him?
- b). How would we understand the word predestined here?
- c). What is our predestined inheritance a result of?
- d). Again, what is the Holy Spirit drawing our attention to here?

6). Eph 1:13 *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed[having faith], you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

- a). Who also trusted in Him?
- b). When did they place their trust in Him?
- c). What also happened as a result of their faith?

- d). What would it mean to be sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise?
- e). What does the Holy Spirit guarantee?
- f). How does He do this?
- g). What is the timeframe for His work in this respect?
- h). What and when is the redemption of the purchased possession?
- i). What then is the Holy Spirit drawing our attention to once again?
- j). What is Paul's purpose in reminding the Ephesians of all these things?
- k). How real is all this for us? How would we know?

7). 2Pe 3:1 ¶ *Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 ¶ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

- a). Who is Peter writing to?
- b). What is his stated reason for writing both his letters?
- c). What does he want them to be mindful of?
- d). What does he want them to know first?
- e). When will the scoffers come and who are they?
- f). How are the scoffers going to walk?
- g). What is the central focus of the scoffers message?
- h). What have the scoffers willfully forgotten?
- i). How can we connect all of this to what we have seen in the opening chapter of Ephesians?
- j). How can we connect what we see here in Ephesians and 2 Peter with the first warning in the Book of Hebrews?
- k). How could the outworking of the scoffers' message find its way into our own lives?
- l). What should we be learning from this?