

Study Questions  
Ephesians Revisited – Part Three  
Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> 2009

1). Eph 1:17 *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,*

- a). According to v17, what is Paul asking that we may be given?
- b). Whose is it to give?
- c). What would you think ‘the knowledge of Him’ would be?
- d). What would ‘the eyes of your understanding’ be?
- e). What is requested for the eyes of our understanding?
- f). What is ‘the hope of His calling’?
- g). Mt 16:16 *Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.*

h). How does our scripture here from Matthew help explain the process by which this happens?

i). Joh 3:3 *Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

j). How does this scripture from John give us further commentary on the process?

k). How does what we see here help us to understand this from –  
1Pe 1:3 ¶ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

l). How might we see what is stated here with regards to our prayer from Ephesians 1?

2). As a final reflection – why does Paul lay out foundation and then pray in this fashion at the opening of the Book of Ephesians?

a). What does this say to you personally?

3). Eph 2:1 ¶ *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of*

*disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

- a). What event is this referring to in our being made alive?
- b). What condition were we in before it?
- c). How is the way we lived prior to eternal salvation described?
- d). What is our condition after it?
- e). How should we understand being made alive?
- f). How is life always imparted and where is our foundation for this?

4). Eph 2:8 *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

- a). How is our eternal salvation described here in v8-9?
- b). What does v10 mean when it says we are ‘His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works’?
- c). Where is our foundation for this?
- d). What is the process by which we are created in Christ Jesus? And how would this result in good works?

e). Who prepared the good works for us?

f). What does it mean that they were prepared beforehand for us to walk in them?

g). Where is our foundation for this?

5). Eph 2:11 ¶ *Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

a). Explain the significance of what is described in this scripture.

6). Eph 2:19 *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

a). What is the foundation we have been built on?

- b). What is the 'whole building' that is being joined together?
- c). Where is the whole building to be found?
- d). Where are we being built together?
- e). For what purpose are we being built together?
- f). How does this relate to 2 Samuel 7:13?
- g). How does this relate back to Ephesians 2:10?

7). 1Pe 2:4 ¶ *Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.*

a). Mt 21:42 *Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?' 43 "Therefore I say to you, the*

*kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. 44 "And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."*

b). Explain how these two scriptures are connected and what application we might find for ourselves in this.