

EPHESIANS CHAPTER ONE

A. The Godhead at Work

1. The Work of the Father...**ELECTION & PREDESTINATION**...vs. 4-6
2. The Work of the Son...**REDEMPTION & FORGIVENESS**...vs. 7
3. The Work of the Spirit...**SEALING & EARNEST**...vs. 13-14

B. Our SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS (vs. 3) that we have “in Christ”:

1. **CHOSEN** in Him...vs. 4...see also 2nd Thess. 2:13; 1st Peter 1:2
2. **PREDESTINATED** to Sonship through Jesus Christ...vs. 5...see Rom. 8:29; Gal. 4:4-6
3. **ACCEPTED** in the Beloved...vs. 6...see 2nd Cor. 5:17
4. **REDEMPTION** through His blood...vs. 7...see 1st Peter 1:18-19; Rev. 5:9
5. **FORGIVENESS** through His blood...vs. 7...see Heb. 9:22; Acts 13:38; 1st John 2:12
6. **INHERITANCE** in Him...vs. 11...see Rom. 8:17; 1st Peter 1:3-4
7. **SEALED** by the Holy Spirit...vs. 13 with 4:30...consider John 7:37-39

C. Paul’s Prayer to God for Us...vs. 15-23

1. That we may be **ENLIGHTENED**...vs. 17-18a
2. That we may **KNOW**:
 - a. the **HOPE OF HIS CALLING**...see vs. 10-12
 - b. the **RICHES OF THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS**...vs. 14
(When Christ comes in glory He will redeem **ALL CREATION**...see Col. 1:20; 3:4..and possess it through His Saints...see Rom. 8:19-21; 2nd Thess. 1:10)
 - c. the **EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER TOWARD US**...vs. 19b-20 (the **SAME POWER** which God used to **RAISE CHRIST FROM THE DEAD** will bring us into glory)

D. Questions we need to ask ourselves:

1. What does it mean to have been “**CHOSEN** in Christ before the foundation of the world?”
2. What does **PREDESTINATION** mean?
3. What does it mean to be “**ACCEPTED** in the beloved?”
4. What exactly is meant by **REDEMPTION**?
5. What is **FORGIVENESS**?
6. What is “the **DISPENSATION OF THE FULNESS OF TIMES**?”
7. What is the **INHERITANCE** that we will have with Christ?
8. What does it mean to be **SEALED**?
9. What is the **EARNEST** (of our inheritance)?
10. What are the **EYES** of our **HEART**?
11. What does it mean that Christ is **HEAD OVER ALL THINGS TO THE CHURCH**?
12. What does it mean when we are spoken of as “the **FULNESS** of Him (that filleth all in all)?”