

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?)”