

Ephesians

Chapter 1:12-16

- I. **Ephesians 1:12** ¹²That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
 - a. Praise of his glory
 - I. **This is the second of the three verses that say “praise of his glory”. Jesus is “his glory”.**
 1. **Ephesians 1:6**⁶To the **praise of the glory of his grace**, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
 2. **Ephesians 1:14**¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the **praise of his glory**.
 - II. **God’s glory**
 1. **I Corinthians 10:31** ³¹Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.
 2. **Philippians 1:11** ¹¹Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.
 3. **Hebrews 13:15** ¹⁵By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.
 - b. Who first trusted in Christ
 - I. **I personally believe this has to be a different group. The next verse says “In whom ye also trusted”. It doesn’t really make sense grammatically to say “first” and then “ye” also. There is a group that trusted in Christ from Pentecost to Paul. There were Jews who trusted Christ during Jesus’s earthly**

ministry. All who trust in Christ are to the glory of God.

II. **Romans 11:5⁵**Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

III. **Romans 11:7⁷**What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

IV. **Romans 11:28²⁸**As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes.

II. **Ephesians 1:13-14¹³**In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

a. Process

I. **Hearing**

1. In order for one to hear, there needs to be the Word of God and often that involves a preacher.

a. **Romans 10:14-15¹⁴**How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

a. **II Timothy 4:2²**Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

b. **Romans 1:15-16¹⁵**So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that

are at Rome also. ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

c. **Colossians 4:3** ³Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

b. **II Corinthians 5:19-20** ¹⁹To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

i. **I Timothy 2:4**

2. Word of truth

a. **Romans 10:17** ¹⁷So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

b. **Colossians 1:5** ⁵For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

c. **II Timothy 2:15** ¹⁵Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

d. **Acts 13:47-48** ⁴⁷For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

⁴⁸And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the

Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

3. Gospel of your salvation

a. **Galatians 1:12** ¹²For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

b. **Galatians 1:8-9** ⁸But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

c. **Galatians 2:7** ⁷But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision *was* unto Peter;

d. **I Corinthians 15:1-4** ¹Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; ²By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have **believed** in vain. ³For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

i. See also Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5

II. Believing/ Trusting

1. **Acts 13:39** ³⁹And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

III. Sealed

- 1. Seals show permanence in scripture and similar to a king that placed his signet on wax, it was not meant to be broken.**
 - a. The Tomb was sealed in Matthew 27:62-66.**
 - b. Satan is cast in the bottomless pit and a seal is set in Revelation 20:3-4.**
 - c. Daniel's prophecy was to be sealed till the time of the end in Daniel 12:9.**
 - d. The book with the 7 seals in Revelation 5, no man in Heaven or Earth could open it.**
 - e. Seal not the book in Revelation 22:10.**
 - i. God's seal can only be broken by His authority.**
 - 1. Ephesians 4:30 ³⁰And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**
- 2. The Holy Spirit of promise. The promise of the Holy Spirit was not a mystery (John 14:16). However the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit at the instant of salvation by faith alone was.**
- 3. With the Holy Spirit. This is spirit baptism which is the one baptism today where the spirit takes us out of Adam and places us in Christ.**
 - a. Ephesians 4:5 ⁵One Lord, one faith, one baptism,**
 - b. I Corinthians 12:13 ¹³For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.**
 - c. Colossians 2:11-12 ¹¹In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made**

without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: ¹²Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

d. II Corinthians 1:21-22 ²¹Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; ²²Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

e. I Corinthians 3:16 ¹⁶Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

f. Romans 8:9 ⁹But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

b. Earnest

I. **Earnest- Greek word *arrabon*-** Strongs Con. a pledge, i.e. part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest:—earnest.

1. **Notice a couple of other uses in regards to the Holy Spirit.**

a. **II Corinthians 1:22** ²²Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

b. **II Corinthians 5:5** ⁵Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing *is* God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

II. **The earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the body. That is the context of inheritance in verse 13.**

c. Redemption

I. Remember that the body of a believer has already been purchased.

1. **I Corinthians 6:19-20** ¹⁹What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which* is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

II. Soul and spirit are redeemed at salvation. Our bodies are not redeemed the moment that we are saved. This is a different redemption and adoption then.

1. **Soul and spirit at salvation**

- a. **Ephesians 1:7**⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

2. **Position at salvation**

- a. **Ephesians 1:5**⁵Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

III. Redemption and adoption of the body

1. **Titus 2:13** ¹³Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
2. **I Corinthians 15:53-54** ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

a. **The rapture in I Thessalonians 4:13-18 shares what will happen. I Corinthians 15 details what will happen to our bodies.**

3. **Philippians 3:20-21** ²⁰For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: ²¹Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

1. **Romans 8:23** ²³And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the **adoption**, *to wit*, **the redemption of our body**.

III. **Ephesians 1:15** ¹⁵Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

a. Faith in Christ should produce a love unto all the saints.

I. **Colossians 1:4** ⁴Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye have* to all the saints,

II. **Galatians 5:6** ⁶For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

III. **Galatians 5:13-14** ¹³For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. ¹⁴For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

IV. **Galatians 6:10** ¹⁰As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

V. **Romans 12:10** ¹⁰Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

IV. **Ephesians 1:16** ¹⁶Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

a. Give thanks

- I. **Paul has stated his given thanks for other churches. See (Colossians 1:3,12), (I Thessalonians 1:2, 3:9) and (II Thessalonians 2:13).**
- II. **Ephesians 5:20** ²⁰Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

b. Prayers

- I. **There is a connection between being thankful and prayer.**
 1. **I Thessalonians 5:17-18** ¹⁷Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
 2. **Philippians 4:6-7** ⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.