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**Lesson 10 for November 01, and 06, 2022**

**Unit III: We are God's Artwork**

**Topic: Chosen!**

**Text: Ephesians 1:1-14**

**Key Verse:**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 1:3, KJV).**

- 1) Chosen: Selected by the Father (Ephesians 1:1-6).**
- 2) Chosen: Redeemed by the Son (Ephesians 1:7-12).**
- 3) Chosen: Secured by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1: 13-14)**

**Introduction:**

**There is nothing that can compare to our personal satisfaction of being chosen by GOD for and important assignment or the privilege to be used for GOD's purpose. As believers, we sometime find it hard to believe or to fantom that GOD has chosen us, because we look at our social status, our connections and think that because of these we are not worthy of GOD'S choice. We forget that as adopted children of GOD'S, that we have the inheritance that is promise to us, by being in GOD'S unique family. You, see, the Ephesians are good examples of believers who did not understand or realize their true wealth and worth as GOD'S chosen inheritance. So let us not remain ignorant to our inheritance which what we have as children of GOD, we are fearfully and wonderfully made, because we are GOD'S works of art.**

**Lesson Pointer # 1**

- Chosen: Selected by the Father (Ephesians 1: 1-6).**

**Paul while in prison wrote a letter to the Ephesians to give them encouragement for being faithful follower of Jesus Christ. Paul opens the letter by saying that he was an apostle (one sent) of Jesus Christ not by his will but by the will of GOD. He called them saints, and address them as such in his letter to let them know that they were holy ones, set apart by GOD for HIS use because of their spiritual position in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:1). Paul addressed the saints in Ephesians to let them know that GOD's steadfast love toward them, and that GOD'S peace is the result of their belief in HIM (GOD). In other, words, Paul expressed his desire that GOD'S grace and peace be with them (Ephesians 1:2). Now, Paul, gives reason for why the saints at Ephesians should praise GOD, who has blessed them and us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. 1) that in Jesus Christ we have all benefits of knowing GOD. 2) And that we have been chosen for salvation. 3) we have been adopted as HIS children. 4) we have forgiveness, insight, and the gift of the Spirit, the power to do GOD'S will. 5) we the hope of living forever with Jesus Christ. Because we have an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, we can enjoy these blessings now**

**(Ephesians 1:3). Paul tells the saints at Ephesians that their blessings is because of GOD'S election (HE chose us) before creation (Ephesians 1:4). Now, the result of GOD'S sovereign election is adoption into HIS family through Jesus Christ for GOD'S pleasure and will (Ephesians 1:5). GOD'S purpose for choosing believers before-hand is simple, to praise HIM for the gift of grace that HE (GOD) freely gives through HIS beloved Son Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:6).**

**Chosen!**

### **Lesson Pointer # 2**

- **Chosen: Redeemed by the Son (Ephesians 1:7-12).**

**Paul tells the saints at Ephesians of the work of the Son (Jesus Christ), in whom we have redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ, and the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of HIS grace (Ephesians 1:7). Paul wanted the saints of Ephesians to know that they could not earn salvation, nor do they deserve it, because it comes only from GOD'S mercy and love. Without GOD'S grace, no person can be saved. We must receive the grace of GOD and acknowledge that we can not save ourselves, that only GOD can save us, and that we must have faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:8). Now, GOD'S purpose for the world could not be fully understood until Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. GOD'S purpose for sending HIS Son Jesus Christ was to unite Jews and Gentiles in one body with Jesus Christ as the head (Ephesians 1:9-10). Do know that GOD'S purpose is to offer salvation to the world, just as He purpose to do long ago. GOD is sovereign, and is in total control, we belong to GOD and GOD belongs to us, so, therefore, we are to model HIS (GOD'S) glory (Ephesians 1:11-12).**

**Chosen!**

### **Lesson Pointer # 3**

- **Chosen: Secured by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14).**

**Now, when the saints of Ephesians heard the Gospel message, they believed and were immediately sealed with the "Holy Spirit of promise" (Ephesians 1:13). The Holy Spirit authenticates salvation and guarantees us and inheritance in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:14).**

### **Nuggets of the Lesson:**

- 1) Know that we are adopted children of GOD'S and have the inheritance of GOD'S family.**
- 2) Through Jesus Christ's shed blood, we have redemption, and forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of HIS (GOD'S) grace.**
- 3) Without GOD'S grace, no person can be saved.**
- 4) Once we believe and receive Jesus Christ, we are sealed with the "Holy Spirit of promise."**

**Chosen!**