

Ephesians Handout Week Three

Eph. 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus and who are faithful in Christ Jesus:

At Ephesus?

Faithful in Christ Jesus:

In Christ: All that Christ is, is what defines the spiritual, organic, geographic, economic, social, emotional, intellectual sphere we operate within every second of our lives. All of our existence is defined by our relationship with Christ. He is the place we live, the source of all grace and the framework we live by.

Spiritually—

Organically—

Economically—

Socially—

Intellectually—

Emotionally—

Geographically—

Eph. 1:1-2 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are at Ephesus and who are faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Charein-

charis-

Eirene/shalom

Jn. 14:27

Normally, Paul starts with a prayer report. 1 Thes. 1:2, Phil. 1:3-5

This is a benediction/berekah

Template: What is good, where did it come from, how did you receive it, what it is for...

Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed me with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

The whole paragraph is a doxology, a eulogia.

3. Blessed (eulogetos-adjective) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed (eulogeo-verb) us with every spiritual blessing (eulogia-noun) in the heavenly places in Christ:

Ps. 34:4, Ps. 103:1

What is Paul doing here?

Ps. 68:8, Ps. 96:2, Lk. 19:37

The timing, the extent, the nature of the blessings—

When?

How much?

How did we get it?

What kind of blessing?

Where/how do we experience them?

Heavenly places: It is not a place. It is a truth.

Jn. 14:1 It's not a place, it's a

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Col. 3:1 Eph. 2:5 Phil. 3:18

C.S Lewis: The Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have begun thinking less of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at heaven and you get earth thrown in; aim at earth and you get neither.

In Christ:

4. just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Chose: eklegomai. To select out or single out from a group.

Just a few examples: Neh. 9:7, Deut. 9:7, Jn. 15:16-17, Mat. 24:22,31, 1 Cor. 1:23-29, Acts 13:48

When? Aorist tense. ...before the foundation of the world.

Rev. 13:8, Psl. 139, Ex. 32:31

How? Rom. 8:29, 1 Pt. 1:2, Jer. 1:5,

Not looking down the corridors of time to see what we would do?

Acts 2:23 Eph. 1:5

Amos 3:2 Foreknowledge

What is His choice based on? Middle voice/reflexive

Deut. 7:7-8, 2 Tim. 1:9, Eph. 2:8

Maybe He chose me and then I chose Him... Jn. 1:12-13, Jn. 6:44, Jn. 15:16

Surely I was in there a little bit! Eph. 2:1

Rom. 3:10-12 Rom. 8:7

Can you lose your salvation? Jude 1:24, Heb. 10:28, Jn. 10:28, Rom. 8:29

Beauty of Election

- For everything else, there's Mastercard.

-Personal/churchwide humility:

-Eternal Security/Security in this life:

1 Pt. 1:3-5, 1 Pt. 5:10, Rev. 17:14

-Fearlessness: Rom. 8:31

-Motivation to Witness: Mat. 28:16, Acts 18:10, 2 Tim. 2:10. 2 Tim. 1:8-9, Rev. 7:9