

Eternal Truths, In Shoe Leather

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 20

Ephesians 1:1-8a

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Paul, apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the holy ones who are in Ephesus and believers¹ in Christ Jesus: ² grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed *is* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ, ⁴ because² He chose us *to be* in Him before the foundation of the world, *for* us to be holy and blameless before Him in love, ⁵ predestining us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto Himself, in accord with the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ unto the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved One, ⁷ in whom we have redemption by means of His blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the wealth of His grace ^{8a} which He made to abound unto us;... (Ephesians 1:1-8a, DJP)

Introduction:

I. The Issue: Relating _____ to _____

A. The Place of Doctrine (John ____: ____ - ____)

B. The Place of _____ (John ____: ____; ____: ____)

C. The _____

Luke 6:46

Colossians 2:6-7

II. Putting Truth Into Action

A. “_____”

1. Stated: Ephesians 1:1, 3

2. Applied

a. Big focus: how I see and relate to everything (2 Cor. ____: ____)

b. Smaller focus: how I see and relate to the _____ (2 Cor. 5:18-20)

c. Tight focus: how I see and relate to a potential _____ (1 Cor. 7:39; also 6:15-20)

¹ Or *faithful*.

² Or *for*, or *just as*.

B. Sanctification

1. Stated: Ephesians 1:1, 4
2. Applied: Ephesians 5:3ff.

C. Blessing

1. Stated: Ephesians 1:3
2. Applied:
 - a. Facing the _____: Hebrews 10:32-36

 - b. Facing one another: 1 Peter ____:____

D. Election and Predestination

1. Stated: Ephesians 1:4-6

2. Applied: Colossians 3:12-17

E. Adoption

1. Stated: Ephesians 1:5-6

2. Applied: Hebrews 12:4-13

F. Redemption

1. Stated: Ephesians 1:7-8a
2. Applied:
 - a. Broader focus: Romans 6, especially vv. 16-22

 - b. Tighter focus: Ephesians 4:22-29