

STUDY #2: EPHESIANS 1:7-14 SIGN SEALED DELIVERED

GENTILES AND JEWS / PAUL TOGGLES BETWEEN GREAT TRUTH

JULY 4th - FIREWORKS FINALE – Exploding in succession – PAUL EXPLODES IN PRAISE TO GOD AND THEN IT'S ONE BLESSING AFTER ANOTHER - Brain and heart Lit UP

The gospel-centered life is a life bursting with the blessings of GOD because of Jesus. IN PRAISE IS THE POWER OF CONNECTION – PRAISE AS AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH CONNECTS YOU TO GOD AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU (**SING YOUR FAITH**)

MP: The Trinity has mutually determined to bless you through Christ's hard-won expressions of grace.

Trinity: The Father selects, the Son sacrifices, and the Spirit seals. **WILL U STILL BLESS 3 WORDS/3 BLESSINGS: REDEEMED, OBTAINED, SEALED (u HAVE) –**

BLESS HIM BECAUSE YOU'RE REDEEMED – READ (7-10)

Redeemed: release/deliv from state slavery - **purchased AT price – RANSOM KNOW?**

Wealthy Argen grain traders Jorge/Juan Born kidnapped far-left pol 74 60 mil/283 mil

- **GREATEST RANSOM PAID – BLOOD OF CHRIST**
- Enslaved to sin/sin-broken world – CHAINS BLOOD BROKEN (that's power)
 - o Forgiveness (*aphesis*): sent your sin away (**EAST IS FROM WEST**)

1 Peter 1:18 Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold (cash), ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

- o **JEWS OT PIC PHARAOH/ISRAEL – enslaved/cried/red/lamb/del....**

LAVISHED U GRACE!!!!!! – (abundant – over the top – excessive – mre enf) **bless u**

BLESS HIM BECAUSE YOU HAVE/WERE OBTAINED – READ (11-12)

U HAVE OBTAINED FUTURE POSSESSION – NOT JUST HEAVEN – WE HAVE HIM FOREVER – SONG – YOU CAN HAVE ALL THIS WORLD JUST GIVE ME JESUS

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

GOD HAS OBTAINED FUTURE POSS...: NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE HIM BUT HE HAS US

- **We have an inheritance AND we have been made an Inheritance - HIS**

New Century Version: In Christ we were chosen to be God's people.

GOD WANTS U – FOREVER THINK – PURSUED (pursued Rachel – not stalk) **bless u**

BLESS HIM BECAUSE YOU'RE SEALED – READ (13-14)

GOSPEL-CENTERED LIFE: SPIRITUAL TRAJECTORY FOR EVERY TRU JESUS FOLLOWER

FIRST: GOSPEL PREACHED AND HEARD

- Heard the word of truth gospel – **GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED - ASSISSI**

Romans 10:14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? -¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

GOOD NEWS: God loves the world – plan addressing sin broken lives marred creation – manifested in fulfillment of prophecy by sending of Jesus – born a virgin – lived sinless life – suffered violently for us – dead – resurrected – ascended God’s right hand – **THE WAY THE TRUTH THE LIFE**

SECOND: THEY BELIEVED

- **WHEN THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED, THERE’S A CHOICE TO BE MADE**

The gift of self-determination, the capacity to choose, was given by God so that you could first and foremost choose Christ and His gospel.

It’s not only is it true, but it’s true for you. – PETER PREACHING ON PENTECOST

- **Didn’t say – think about it – weigh ur options – ask ur friends on SM what?**

Acts 2:38 Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

- **BECOME A JESUS FOLLOWER** – dedicate your whole life pursuit – **NOW**
- **Born Again - NEW CREATURE**

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

THIRD: THEY SEALED

Sealed with the promised Holy Spirit – **WAX SEAL SCROLL – IT’S GONNA GET THERE**

- **GUARANTEE:** earnest / down payment – **THE PROMISE OF GOD TO U**
 - **EVIDENCE OF THE INDWELLING... SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE**

This is the trajectory of the true Christian, which means sitting in a seat on Sunday isn’t enough to save you....good deeds, breaking bad habits – BETTER.

YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SAY signed sealed delivered – I’M YOURS BLESS U