

L7 | Ephesians | "The Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ Pt. 3" | Eph. 1:3-6

I. Intro/Review:

1. The Father

- Denotes three things
 1. Love & Charity
 2. Family
 3. Inheritance

2. Inheritance

- Inheritance is received upon the condition of death; however, God is the living God.
- Thus, we need to have a spiritual understanding of inheritance
 - Father - Son (Christ)
 - Heb. 1:1-2 | "appointed heir of all things"
 - Jn. 3:35-36 | "The Father loveth the Son and hath given Him all things"
 - Jn. 17:19-24 | "lovedst me before the foundation of the world"
 - Col. 1:19 | "in Him all fulness would dwell"
 - The spiritual understanding (Col. 1:9) of the inheritance between the Father-Son existed in foreknowledge, predestination, will, and purpose before the earth ever was - it existed in the bosom of the Father, the Word, the logos -- John 1:18; Proverbs 8:10-36
 - The spiritual understanding of the inheritance has ties to the name of the LORD - "I AM THAT I AM". -- Ex. 3:14 {Christ being the "I AM" (Jn. 8:58)}
 - The inheritance when spiritually understood, first, finds its promise from the Father to the Son, then, secondly, from God to us
 - That which was "trusted in Christ" (Eph. 1:12) was established by counsel. -- Pro. 20:18
 - Formation, determination, origin, genesis of all things in the mind (the mind of Christ).

II. Preview:

1. Edificational thread leading up to Ephesians concerning this inheritance between Father-Son-us
2. Of Him, through Him, to Him, are all things (Rom. 11:33-36)
3. "Blessed us with all spiritual blessings"

III. Sermon:

[:3] - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places:"

1. Edificational thread of the inheritance between Father-Son-us leading up to Ephesians

• Romans 8:14-30

1. :14 - "sons of God"
2. :15 - "Abba, Father"
3. :16 - "children of God"
4. :17 - "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;"
 - "suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together."
5. :18 - "glory which shall be revealed in us"
6. :20 - "subjected the same in hope"
 - :21 - "glorious liberty of the children of God"
 - :23 - "the redemption of our body"
7. :27 - "mind of the Spirit...will of God"
8. :28 - "His purpose"
 - :29 - "foreknow...predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son"
 - a) The image of His Son is first
 - b) Foreknowing and predestinating us to be conformed to that image
 - i) Only those redeemed, justified, sanctified are identified as those He foreknew and predestinated not because of us, but because our identity with Christ.

▪ Summary of Romans 8:14-30

- 1) We have become part of the family of God.
- 2) We have part in the family inheritance because of Christ.
- 3) The inheritance entails glory, liberty, the redemption of our body, and conformity to the image of Christ.
- 4) These things concern the will of God and His purpose in Christ.
- 5) Therefore, these things are part and parcel of that which was before prepared by God.

• 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

1. :7 - "which God ordained before the world unto our glory:"
2. :9 - "which God hath prepared for them that love Him."
3. :10 - "the deep things of God"
4. :12 - "the things that are freely given to us of God."
5. :16 - "the mind of the Lord...the mind of Christ."

▪ Summary of 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

- 1) God determined (ordained, predestinate) our glory, our inheritance before the world.
- 2) These things limited to them that love Him - those in the family, His children, but freely given to us who have.
- 3) This glory contains deep things (the secret wisdom of His counsel)
- 4) This glory determined is the mind of Christ (the bosom of the Father)
- 5) Our glory is intertwined with the love between the Father and Son, that which was freely given to the Son is that which is freely given to us because of Christ.

2. Of Him, through Him, to Him, are all things

- **Romans 11:33-36** - "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."
 - "who hath been His counsellor?" - His wisdom, knowledge, judgment, and ways are in accord to His counsel
 - "who hath first given to Him?" - He has given first, thus all recompensed unto Him
 - His Word effectually works (mercy or wrath)
 - His Word will not return void
 - "for of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things"
 - **"of"** - from or out of; proceeding from; cause, source, means, author or agent bestowing
 - **"through"** - from end to end; side to side; beginning to end; passage, by means of; instrumentality
 - **"to"** - toward a place; end

"of"	"through"	"to"
Foreknowledge	Power	Glory
Predestination	Time	Inheritance
Will	Riches	Praise
Counsel	Wisdom	Fulness
Purpose	Worketh	Understanding
Mind	Judgment	
Grace	Ways	

Ephesians 1 | “Of Him”, “Through Him”, “To Him”

Text	“Of Him”	“Through Him”	“To Him”	“To Us”
Eph. 1:3-4	<u>according</u> as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,	in Christ, in Him	holy and w/o blame before Him in love	holy and without blame
Eph. 1:5-6	(predestinated) <u>according</u> to the good pleasure of his will,	by Jesus Christ, grace, in the Beloved	to Himself, to the praise of the glory of His grace, accepted	adoption of children accepted
Eph. 1:7-8		in Whom, His blood, <u>according</u> to the riches of His grace		redemption, forgiveness of sins all wisdom and prudence
Eph. 1:9-10	<u>according</u> to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:	in Christ	He might gather together in one all things in Christ	known the mystery of His will
Eph. 1:11-12	<u>according</u> to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:	in Whom	to the praise of His glory	obtained an inheritance
Eph. 1:19-23	<u>according</u> to the working of his mighty power,	wrought in Christ	the fulness of Him	exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward gave Him...to the church

- Summary "of Him, through Him, to Him, are all things"

1. The inheritance must be thought of from God's perspective not ours

- If we think of the inheritance solely from our perspective than

- a. Eternal life is simply more life after this one

- b. A new body is simply one I will no longer feel pain in

- c. The heavenly places are simply a cooler place than the earth

- If we think of the inheritance from God's perspective than each aspect of our inheritance have purpose and a purpose ordained and determined before the world.

2. The Father and Son first counselled formulating their plan and purpose in Christ before the earth ever was, before the foundation of the world. In love between Father and Son all would be trusted to Christ and it would be through Christ all things would become that which the plan and purpose called for ultimately resulting to the praise of the glory of God.

3. Therefore, all that has been given to us along with our hope is rooted in Christ before the foundation of the world.

4. It all proceeded from God, worked by the Son, to the glory of God.

3. "Blessed with all spiritual blessings"

- "who hath blessed us"

- "who" - The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ whom trusted all things in Christ hath blessed us

- "blessed"

- Past tense {how past}
 - That spoken, (fair speeches)
 - The Father speaks well of us and to us of the things He counselled before the world in Christ
- **"all spiritual blessings"**
 - God's blessing of us consists of blessings, all spiritual blessings
 - **"all"** - denotes whole quantity, extent, amount, every
 - Rom. 1:11 - some spiritual gift
 - Rom. 15:29 - fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ
 - **"spiritual"**
 1. "blessing" - that which God promises
 2. Non-carnal - Rom. 15:27, 1 Cor. 2:13, 3:1, 9:11
 - a. Spiritual body - 1 Cor. 15:44-46
 3. God is spirit - reside with God alone - 1 Cor. 2:12-14

IV. Conclusion: