

1. Describe one thought that went through your mind when I shared with you the background to this letter? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. There is no question as to who Paul is and by what authority he is writing. As you read in verse 1 he's writing to the Ephesians, but when he calls them saints, what does that denote to you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ How do you think one becomes a saint? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Paul might have determined that by now that the Ephesians might be compromised by: the remembrance of previous teaching; the powers of darkness all around them; perhaps they developed a personal agenda.**

3. Verse 3 is a doxology. What do you expect to find in a doxology? \_\_\_\_\_

When have you have used a doxology? \_\_\_\_\_ Why did you use it? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Paul think his readers need to remember? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Knowing God has blessed us with a very spiritual blessing 1:3. This isn't just God saying bless you. Read Isaiah 55:11 what power does God's blessing have? \_\_\_\_\_

What makes these blessings secure? \_\_\_\_\_

5. We should praise God because of what He did in verse 4. When He chose us what did He preordain for us to be? \_\_\_\_\_

When we couldn't achieve this on our own, what did God do? \_\_\_\_\_

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From the moment we believed, we were adopted into God's family and became heirs of promises.

6. In verses 3-14 Paul will list God's rich blessings. Notice all three Persons of the Godhead are involved.

v.5-6 What did God do? \_\_\_\_\_

v. 10-12 What did The Son do? \_\_\_\_\_

v. 13-14 The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_

As you stopped and thought about the truth you just wrote what thoughts entered your mind? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. If God chose us, couldn't we be adopted without believing? NO! Because we are saved through faith. Here is the kicker. We know God has given us free will. We don't know who will believe or who will not believe.

What should be our role in this process? \_\_\_\_\_

8. We praise God because He redeemed us. (I Peter 1:18-19) How did God do this. \_\_\_\_\_

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9. We praise God because He forgave. This didn't just happen. How did God accomplish this? (Col. 1:13-14)

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10. When will we understand the complete mystery of what God has done? Eph.1:9-10) \_\_\_\_\_

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What are we to do until the time referenced above? \_\_\_\_\_