

# Men's Bible Study **Calvary Chapel** Cajon

## Ephesians 1:1-14, pt. 2

### Read Ephesians 1:1-14

1. The phrase *in heavenly places* is used five times in Ephesians. Underline or circle each occurrence of this phrase.

**Ephesians 1:3** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,*

**Ephesians 1:20** *which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,*

**Ephesians 2:6** *and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*

**Ephesians 3:10** *to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,*

**Ephesians 6:12** *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

- a. Make a list of what these verses tell us about *heavenly places*.

2. Ephesians 1:4 addresses God's calling of those He has *chosen* to receive His *blessing*. When did He *choose* us?
  - a. What did He *choose* us to be?
  
3. Using verses 5 and 6, answer the following questions:
  - a. What did He *predestine* us to? (verse 5)
  
  - b. What did He make us? (verse 6)
  
  - c. Why did He do this (*according to what*)? (verse 5)
  
  - d. What does it mean to you that it brings *pleasure* to God to do these things?
  
4. Read verse 7. Challenge: Define *redemption*
  
  
5. We see again, in verse 9, that God does great things for us *according to His good pleasure*. What does this verse say He has done?

Challenge: Define the *mysteries of God*.

- a. According to 1 Corinthians 2:10, how does God reveal His mysteries?

6. Notice the word *that* in Ephesians 1:10,12. This word indicates that God does things for a reason. Record His intentions by filling in the blanks below:

*that...He might \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_,  
both which are in heaven and which are on earth.*

*that \_\_\_\_\_ who first \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ should be to the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.*

7. Only the saved are partakers of this rich inheritance proclaimed in the previous verses. According to verse 13, how do we become saved?

a. What is the *word of truth*?

8. In these first few verses of Ephesians we have seen God as our great Benefactor, we have seen the believer as the beneficiary, and now, in verses 13 and 14, we see the Holy Spirit as the One who is the Guarantee of all that God has declared for us. According to verse 13, what happens to us, once we believe?

a. What do the following verses teach about this?

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

2 Timothy 2:19

9. How is the Holy Spirit described in Ephesians 1:14?

a. How would you describe a *guarantee*?

- 1.) *Redemption*, as it is used in this verse (in contrast to its meaning in verse 7), refers to the final redemption, when all things will be the way God intends them to be. What are just a few things that will be different then from the way they are now?



