

“A Better Life”

A Study of Ephesians

Session One: “A Changed Life”

Ephesians 1:7-23

Paul writes to his fellow believers in Ephesus to help them understand _____ they are in Christ Jesus, and _____ they are to live for Him. Paul wanted his brothers and sisters in the faith to experience a _____ life in Christ.

A changed life is:

1. _____ through God’s _____ (1:7-10)

“Redemption” means _____ a _____ from a situation that requires a _____ that he cannot pay himself. It is God’s _____, or unearned favor, that is the basis of your salvation. The mystery of His will is explained by Paul in **Philippians 2:5-11**. The mystery is that Jesus, God’s Son, came to earth in _____ form, as a humble _____, to die on the _____ for your _____, but came back to life as the victorious _____ and _____.

2. The _____ living in you, making you a _____ of God’s family (1:11-14)

God chose you to be part of His family, and when you responded to His call to _____, His Spirit _____ you as His own. During the time of Paul, an official document was _____ with hot wax, an impression was then made with the king’s or official’s _____. The seal identified the document as _____ and would be _____. The Holy Spirit is also a _____, which is “*earnest money*” given by the purchaser. It is the first installment, a sign that more is coming. God’s Spirit assures that your salvation is _____ and will be _____ (**Philippians 1:6**).

3. _____ God and His _____ and _____ (1:15-23)

According to the Westminster Confession, the first statement of catechism is: “To know God and enjoy Him forever.” Jesus identified the greatest commandment in **Mark 12:30**. Paul wanted the believers in Ephesus to know God _____, and the _____ of spiritual blessings that was theirs in Christ. As they lived under Roman persecution, Paul wanted the Ephesians to realize that Christ is the _____ ruler who has all _____ and _____. Pray **Ephesians 1:18-19** as your own prayer.