

Connected Ephesians: Week 1

Ephesians 1:1-14

I. Our Qualifications in Christ

- Christians are _____ out and _____ forth.
- The mark of a saint is not an _____ of problems but a _____ in how he handles them.
- To be faithful in Christ is to have an _____ to keep going.
- The two great heritages of the faith are _____ and _____.

II. Our Blessings in Christ

1. _____

2 Corinthians 4:18

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Kings 6:15-17

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. ¹⁶"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

- God blesses us in the _____ realm and not just in the _____ realm.
- Spiritual blessings are _____ truths which enable us to win our _____ battles.
- Mankind has an unregulated tendency to _____ the material and _____ the spiritual.

2. _____

- The holiness of Christ is the _____ by which God sees you.
- When I understand my _____, I change my _____.

2 Corinthians 7:1

Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

3. _____

- God chose us based on his _____ and not our _____.
- God's foreknowledge doesn't limit personal _____.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

1 John 2:2

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Growth in our spiritual lives comes by understanding a principle which is already true. Spiritual blessings are not things that God is going to give us, but things we already have.

- The adopted child may struggle and stumble but not beyond the _____ set by God.
- Nothing can stop God's _____ for the believer.

4. _____

- God redeemed you by paying your _____ with the life of his Son.

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

Matthew 20:28

just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- _____ is God's counting the death of Christ for the death of the man.

5. _____ and _____

- Wisdom is the God-given ability to see and know _____.
- Understanding is wisdom _____.

Ephesians 1:17-18

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

6. _____

- God is gathering all things toward a spirit of unity and _____.
- God is in the process of putting his _____ in order.
- Believers ought to be a picture of _____ due to our holiness.

James 1:18

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

7. _____

- Our inheritance is not something we possess but the fact that we are God's _____.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

- We receive this inheritance by _____ the _____.

Romans 10:17

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

- The _____ guarantees our inheritance.
- The Holy Spirit is the _____ given to believers at salvation to provide assurance and power.

Romans 8:16

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.