

Connected Ephesians: Week 2

1 Corinthians 2:12

We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

II. Our Blessings in Christ (continued from last week)

1. Spiritual Blessings
2. Holiness
3. Adoption
4. Redemption
5. Wisdom and Understanding

6. _____

- God is gathering all things toward a spirit of unity and _____.
- 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.

III. Power of Prayer

1. Powerful prayers begin with _____.

- Paul celebrated the genuineness of the Ephesians' faith because it was evidenced by _____.

James 2:18

But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

- Prayer is the great tool that makes _____ grip us.
 - Truth stirs the _____ while prayer moves the _____.
 - Prayer taps in to "_____."
- Powerful prayers are _____ prayers.

James 4:2

You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.

- Everything that God has is for us, but it won't be given _____.
 - You can be sealed by the Spirit and still be _____ spiritually.
 - The enemy seeks to _____ the words of God to you.
 - Asking creates _____, and dependency produces _____.
- Prayer engages the _____.
 - Truth must come first to the _____ and then to the _____.
The will is never properly motivated until the heart has been moved as well.

Luke 24:32

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

- Prayer moves a disengaged believer into a passionate _____.

Luke 18:1

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.