

MONDAY NIGHT MEETING

EPHESIANS - THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST (2)

OCTOBER 10, 2016

I. PAUL'S EXALTATION IN GOD

A. Blessed when applied to God

1. Overwhelming praise
2. Outpouring of thanksgiving
3. Offering of myself to the object of praise
 - a. Not from obligation but from a sense of the worth of the One worshiped

B. Reason for this response

1. Grace of God towards us - we do not deserve it
2. Love of God towards us - the lavish display of kindness

II. REVIEW TO THIS POINT

A. Pattern of the 202 word sentence of praise

1. The Father's plan: 3-6
2. The Son's provision: 7-12
3. The Holy Spirit's power and protection: 13-14

B. Review of the Father's plan

1. Chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world - ***security***
2. Predestined to adoption in Christ - ***significance***

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III. THE SON'S PROVISION (vs. 7-12)

A. Redemption

1. Deliverance from great danger over which we have no control
2. Forgiveness of sins
3. Because God in His love lavishes grace on us

B. Knowledge of His will

1. Called a mystery - something which was not formerly revealed but has now been made known by God
2. Made to know His will
 - a. Not His will for my individual life
 - b. Not even His will for life patterns in general
 - c. Here it is the big plan of God
3. Goal - Jesus Christ will be glorified
4. We have now been included in getting that done

C. In Him we have an inheritance

1. God is not only using us as tools
2. We are coheirs with Jesus Christ

D. End of all this blessing is that in the end God can display how great His love is