

MONDAY NIGHT MEETING

EPHESIANS - THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST (3)

OCTOBER 17, 2016

I. THE BASIC POINT

A. *The Foundation of the Church is the Love of God in Christ*

II. DEVELOPMENT OF PAUL'S SONG OF EXALTATION

A. Praise for the love of the Father because of His plan

1. Chosen in Christ - *Security*
2. Predestined to adoption - *Significance*

B. Praise of the Son of God for His provision

1. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ - *Security*
2. Brought into the heart of God and made heirs with Christ - *Significance*

C. Praise of the Spirit's work of power and protection

1. Revelation of the gospel to us - *Security*
2. Sealed by the Spirit - *Significance*

III. EXPANSION ON THE SPIRIT'S WORK IN CHRIST

A. The work of the Spirit to make the truth real to us - *Security*

1. In Him, you also
 - a. Although we respond, Paul sees the act of receiving the gospel as the outworking of the plan of the Father

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2. Note the work of the Spirit in changing my experience
 - a. After listening to the message of the truth
 - (1) Before - we did not count it as true
 - (2) After - we recognize truth
 - b. The gospel (good news) of our salvation (redemption)
 - (1) Before- message of truth was heavy
 - (2) After - message was good news
 - c. Having believed
 - (1) Before- Self reliant pride
 - (2) After - humble trust in Christ
- B. Work of the Spirit to set up apart for God
- Significance
- C. Presence of the Spirit is the assurance of the inheritance which is yet to come
- D. The work of the Father, the work of the Son, and the work of the Spirit in our lives in Christ is to the praise of His glory