

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Ephesians 1:1-14.**
- B. This class is prepared as a "try-out" lesson for the Northeast C of C in Sentinel, OK.
- C. Thank-yous and appreciation
- D. This lesson could be entitled, "What the Trinity Does For Us," but is not because this lesson is not exhaustive.
- E. Ephesians 1 is Paul's introduction of a great letter and his salutation to the brethren in Ephesus. This first 14 verses gives us a capsule of:
  - 1. What God has done for us.
  - 2. What Jesus Christ has done for us.
  - 3. What the Holy Spirit has done for us.
- F. Scripture text: **Ephesians 1:1-14.**

## I. WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US.

- A. Scripture text: Ephesians 1:1-6.
- B. In this series of scriptures, God is pictured as giving us 4 things:
  - 1. Has blessed us with every spiritual blessing (1:3).
    - a. Has given us all that pertains to life and godliness (2Pet. 1:3).
    - b. A full revealing of the faith; doctrine (Jude v3).
    - c. Has given us the most perfect way of love (1Cor. 13:1-13).
  - 2. Has chosen us to be holy and blameless (1:4).
    - a. We are to come out of the world and be separate (2Cor. 6:17).
    - b. We can overcome the great accuser, Satan (Rev. 12:10,11).
  - 3. Has predestined us to be sons by adoption through Christ (1:5).
    - a. We have been added to the family of God (Ac. 2:47).
  - 4. Has freely given us grace to be saved by Christ (1:6).
    - a. The gift of God (Eph. 2:8).
- C. We are indebted to God for grace, to become sons, due to His predetermined plan, to give us all blessings.
- D. This shows God's great, great love for man.

## II. WHAT JESUS CHRIST HAS DONE FOR US.

- A. Scripture text: Ephesians 1:7-12.
- B. In this series of scriptures Jesus is pictured as giving us 4 things:
  - 1. Redemption through His blood (1:7).
    - a. This means the forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:14).
    - b. We have been bought with a price (1Cor. 6:20).
    - c. Blood is needed to forgive sin (Heb. 9:22).
  - 2. Making known the mystery of His will (1:9).
    - a. The mystery revealed is Christ in you (Col. 1:26,27).
    - b. The veil is removed in Christ (2Cor. 3:14-18).
  - 3. The summing up of all things in Christ (1:10).
    - a. In the fullness of time Christ came (Gal. 4:4).
    - b. His death made two groups (Jew and Gentile) into one (Eph. 2:14-17).
    - c. We are the inheritance of God (Eph. 1:11).

4. In Him (JC) is the praise of God's glory (1:12).
  - a. Jesus' work on earth was to glorify God (Jn. 17:4).
  - b. The glory be to God for evermore (Gal. 1:5).
- C. Jesus Christ is the focal point of the entire Bible, scheme of redemption and plan of salvation.

### III. WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS DONE FOR US.

- A. Scripture text: Ephesians 1:13,14.
- B. In these two verses the Holy Spirit is pictured as giving us 2 things:
  1. Sealed in Christ for marking and protection (1:13).
    - a. Only Christians have the HS (Rom. 8:9,11).
    - b. How obedient people receive the HS (Ac. 2:38).
    - c. There is a protection from evil (Rev. 7:3).
    - d. Christians are sealed for the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30).
  2. A pledge of our own inheritance (1:14).
    - a. Only Christians have the HS indwelling them (Rom. 8:9,11).
    - b. The HS intercedes for Christians in prayer (Rom. 8:26,27).
- C. We may not understand everything about the work and indwelling of the HS, but we can be assured that the Spirit is working for us and with us.

### CONCLUSION.

- A. Paul tells us of what God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit have done for us so that we might have salvation (eternal life).
- B. We can see from these passages how we can never put God, Jesus Christ, or the HS in our debt.
- C. We, therefore, must give them all of the praise and glory they so rightfully deserve.