



‘Unpacking’ the Knowledge of our Salvation

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 1:15-30

RECAP

- Ephesians chapter 1 involves the ‘unpacking’ of God’s plan and provisions for our complete salvation and Paul’s desire for all believers to mentally grasp the actual RICHES of this salvation.



Recap of the riches of God's grace in our position in Christ:

- Eph 1:3 - blessed with all spiritual blessings
 - Eph 1:4 – chosen IN HIM before the foundation of the world (created universe)
 - Eph 1:6 – graced (highly favored) IN THE BELOVED
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- **Recap of the riches of God's grace in our position in Christ: (continued)**
- Eph 1:7 – IN WHOM we are having complete redemption (the forgiveness of our sins - trespasses/ offences)
- Eph 1:11 – IN WHOM – we have been made an inheritance (vs 18, the Father's inheritance)

INTRODUCTION

Now in Ephesians 1: 15-20,
we see Paul's response to the
believer's salvation

THE BASIS FOR PAUL'S RESPONSE

(Ephesians 1)




- **Their salvation experience – vs 15a**
 - “I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus” (cf vs 13):
 1. Heard the gospel
 2. Placed hope in the gospel
 3. Believed the gospel – cf Rom 10:14-15
 - **Their salvation expression - vs 15b**
 - Their love toward all the saints (cf Jn 13:34-35)
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PAUL'S COMMUNICATION TO THE FATHER ON THEIR BEHALF

(Ephesians 1)

Upon (the time of) Paul's prayers
(of worship) - cf I Thess 5:17



Thanksgiving (good-grace) for
these believers - cf I Thess 5:18



“Making mention” of them
(implied request)

THE CONTENT OF PAUL'S REQUEST FOR THE EPHESIAN BELIEVERS

- **Request #1:** “That the Father may give them a spirit (mindset) of wisdom and revelation in the full experiential knowledge of Him” (vs 17)
 - cf II Pet 1:2-3

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Request #2: “That their understanding would be enlightened to know 3 things concerning their salvation”

- 1. What is the expectation of their calling unto salvation
 - Our glorification and inheritance:
 - Bodily, like Christ's glorified humanity
 - No possession of a sin nature
 - Salvation of our souls - 1 Pet 1:9
 - Co-inheritance of ruling over all things with Christ – Rom 8:17, Eph 1:10

THE CONTENT OF PAUL'S REQUEST FOR THE EPHESIAN BELIEVERS

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•Request #2: (continued)

2. What is the riches of His (the Father's) inheritance: our being glorified as sons (mature ones) - Rom 8:23

3. What is the exceeding greatness of His ability to accomplish His decreed plan for our salvation – Eph 1:19-20

CONCLUSION

- God the Holy Spirit has packed much of the content of our salvation into Ephesians chapter one.
- The desire of the Apostle Paul was to ‘unpack’ this revelation concerning our salvation, so that all NT grace-believers may:
 - **KNOW** what this salvation contains, and
 - **BEGIN TO USE** its provisions wisely, right now, **BEFORE** we are glorified.