



‘Unpacking’ the Knowledge of our Salvation (pt 2)

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 1:15-20

Jude 24-25

**RECAP of
what we
'unpacked'
last week in
Eph 1:3-14**

- **Vs 1-3: our salvation from beginning to end**
- **Vs 12-14: our salvation results in praise of God's opinion of our salvation – vs 12**
 - Hearing the gospel vs 13
 - Hoping in the gospel vs 13
 - Believing in the gospel – vs 13
 - Our salvation is secured and assured by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit – vs 13-14



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

THE CONTENT OF PAUL'S REQUEST FOR THE EPHESIAN BELIEVERS

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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

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(3) Four words that describe God's ability and the exercise of that ability – vs 17

dunamis - δυναμις = KJV “power”; inherent ability
cf II Cor 12:9-10

energeo - ενεργεω = KJV “working”; energizing,
activating ability – Phil 2:13

iskuos - ισχυος = KJV “mighty”; strength; degree
of ability- Phil 4:13

kratos - κρατος = KJV “power”; inherent ability –
Eph 3:16

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 Father has PLANNED our complete salvation
- God the Son has PROVIDED for our complete salvation
- God the Holy Spirit will APPLY our complete salvation
 - **NOW**, know the Father and
 - His ability
 - To energize
 - The degree of ability
 - By the exercise of ability to provide and complete our glorious salvation
 - This ability comes from Christ ETERNAL LIFE in us - Col 1:27