

**Refreshing our
Understanding
of the Unseen
Half of our
Salvation as
Revealed in
Ephesians 1**



Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 1


INTRODUCTION

A soldier's preparation for potential combat involves repetitious training, drills, and target practice. The same is true for the NT grace-believer to be continually refreshed in the content of our salvation for practice.

Our primary purpose in examining Paul's letter to the Ephesian church has been to understand the half of our salvation that is UNSEEN to our human eyesight! It can only be perceived by our (saved) human spirit.



We can visibly see the life of Christ lived outwardly by believers by demonstration of the fruit of the Spirit.

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- We can only mentally see ourselves in our position in Christ through God's revelation to us in the last few chapters of the Gospel of John and the NT Epistles.
 - The Ephesian letter has a greater content and depth of revelation concerning the NT grace-believer's position in Christ because of the Ephesian believer's greater contact with the Apostles (as seen in Acts, Ephesians, I & II Timothy, I, II, III John, and Rev. 2:1-7).
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**REFRESHING our UNDERSTANDING
of GOD'S PRE-PLANNED PROGRAM
of our SALVATION**

• **Ephesians 1:3-4**

• NT longest sentence

• Our salvation from beginning to
its conclusion

REFRESHING our UNDERSTANDING of GOD'S ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH our PLANNED SALVATION

Ephesians 1:19-22

- God's ability – inherent power
- God's energizing of this ability (making ability available)
- God's degree of ability – strength
- God's usage of ability – ability in action
- God's demonstration of His ability in raising and glorifying Christ

REFRESHING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE 7 UNSEEN FACETS OF OUR POSITION IN CHRIST (Ephesians 1)

1. Vs 3 - blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies in Christ
2. Vs 4 - chosen holy and blameless in Christ before the foundation of the world
3. Vs 6 – graced in the Beloved
4. Vs 7 - we have complete redemption, (resulting in) the forgiveness of our possession of a sin nature

REFRESHING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE 7 UNSEEN FACETS OF OUR POSITION IN CHRIST (Ephesians 1) - continued

5. Vs 9, 10 – we have the promise of co-ruling with Christ during His millennial reign on Earth (cf Rom 8:17)
6. Vs 11, 18 – we have been made an inheritance – the Father's inheritance, in Christ
7. Vs 13-14 – we have been sealed in Christ to provide assured security of our complete salvation, guaranteed to us by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30)

CONCLUSION

It is absolutely necessary to refresh our understanding of our unseen position in Christ DAILY!

Our position in Christ in our true and eternal identity.

As has been said, “the problem with the daily Christ life is that it is so daily.”

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth”
Col 3:1-2