

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: June 25, 2023
Ephesians 1:3-14

1. What is Paul praising God for, according to verse 3-10?
 - a. That God made him rich.
 - b. That God blessed him with an easy life.
 - c. For every spiritual blessing...
 - d. That God "chose us...to be holy and blameless in his sight."
 - e. That God planned for our adoption.
 - f. He made known to us the mystery...salvation...in Christ!

2. Verse 4 says we were chosen to be "holy and blameless in his sight" and Paul describes this as a blessing. Does this seem like a blessing to us or a chore/requirement? _____

What might make it a blessing instead of a requirement? _____

Are there other scriptures that describe it as this kind of blessing? Yes _____ No _____
Where? _____

3. This text talks a lot about being chosen or predestined. How should we understand and interpret this? If some were chosen, does that mean that some were not chosen?
 - a. Yes, if he chose some, he must not have chosen some.
 - b. No, 2 Peter 3:9 says that God does not want any to perish.
 - c. No, verses 9 says he made the mystery of his will known to us – to bring unity to ALL THINGS in heaven and on earth...His plan was for all. He chose all.
 - d. No, he chose us all, but the question is will we choose Him?
 - e. No, verse 11-12 defines the chosen as those who were chosen to receive the message FIRST! Then, verse 13 explains that when we hear the message, we also are included.

4. What (or who) is the seal or deposit guaranteeing our inheritance, according to verses 13 & 14? _____

5. How does the Holy Spirit guarantee our inheritance?
 - a. Once we are saved, we can never lose our salvation.
 - b. When we have the Holy Spirit, we can do whatever we want.
 - c. When we put a deposit down (for a hotel room, an apartment, or something that we plan to buy), it is an investment in the future (and shows we are serious) that shows we plan to give more. In the meantime, it holds the place for what is to come. God has put a deposit down on us! He is serious and there is something more to come!
 - d. The Holy Spirit gives us power to walk consistently in His light and we do not have to turn away from God, therefore we persevere until the end (Matt 24:13).

6. How have you applied this deposit to your life? _____