

Ephesians 1

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(The first three chapters deal with the fact that there was a First Age before this Age)

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: (the saints - the Elect)

² Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: (God begat Himself in the flesh when He said – let us make man in our image. Jesus was begotten by God, not his son. There is one God; He has many offices. – The Father, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, Melchizedek, the Angel of God, etc)

⁴ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Romans-8, 2Peter-3 (Foundation= Catabol - The overthrow of Satan's rebellion) (world = Kosmos <Greek> - orderly arrangement, decoration- the world and it's people – the Age of flesh in this case) (God chose the Elect in the First Age because they stood with Him against Satan, when he rebelled and was put down. That ended the First Age and began the Second Age – the Age of flesh men)

(This is where Genesis begins – at the beginning of the Second Age. Adam and Eve were not the first people on earth. They were the beginning of the blood line that would later bring forth Jesus <God in the flesh>. 2Peter-3 speaks briefly of the Three Ages, as does Revelation-12)

⁵ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, (predestinated- the Elect were chosen in the first age)

⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (God made the Elect as first fruits because he uses them in this Age to bring forth his plan of salvation to all. Paul was one of the Elect)

⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; (By His love, through our repentance)

⁸Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; (God gave the Elect the ability to understand His Word instinctively)

⁹Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: (The mystery – the Three Ages, and what they are. This is the Age of testing; born innocent to decide whether or not we will follow God's Commandments or the ways of the world)

¹⁰That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

¹¹In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: (God is the inheritance of the Elect) Ezekiel-44:28

¹²That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. (The elect trusted God in the First Age, while most people followed the temptations of Satan in his rebellion)

¹³In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, (Not the elect; these are the people who choose to follow God in this Age, and will also inherit eternal life with God in the Third Age)

¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. (the earnest= the down payment)

¹⁵Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

¹⁶Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; (Paul prayed for all the Christians that accepted God's Word)

¹⁷ That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (That God will give them knowledge of the Ages and their meaning)

¹⁸ The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, (to know who the Elect are and their duties in this life – to help people seek and receive salvation from Jesus Christ)

(The riches of this world are nothing when compared to the riches that God will give those who make it to the eternity <the Third Age>)

¹⁹ And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (God gives up power over all evil)

²⁰ Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, (Jesus became the Advocate < the legal counsel> for the Christians in the world today)

²¹ Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: (God's power is greater than any other in the past, present and future)

²² And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, (There is only one Christian church – the Church that Jesus established. Denominations are inventions and traditions of men, not of God)

²³ Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

(Written prophetically to the Elect. Ephesians = the permitted)