

"COME UP, GROW UP, & GET TO WORK!" (Eph. 1:1-14)

[Intro & Part 1: Come Up!]

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INTRO: We're going to focus on three main themes in Ephesians: ***Come Up. Grow Up. & Get to Work.*** You must *Come Up* to *Grow Up*, and you must *Grow Up* to effectively *Get to Work*. Let's begin with the "*Come Up*" theme. God is calling us to "***Come Up***" to take our place where we are seated with Christ in heavenly places, and learn to view, process and respond to life from that place rather than from an earthly, natural carnal perspective (Eph. 2:4-6)!

Homework: Read through Ephesians each week!

Background: (Eph. 6:20-22).

I. PAUL'S SALUTATION (1:1-2)

- A. The book is written by Paul, a called apostle.
- B. The book is addressed to saints who are faithful, not nominal or marginal professors of faith (v. 2).
- C. Grace and peace have their source in God our Father and the Lord [Supreme] Jesus [Savior] Christ [Anointed, Messiah] (v. 2).

II. THE GODHEAD'S BLESSINGS (1:3-14) – all to the praise of His glory (vv. 6, 12, 14)

A. How God Has Blessed Us (vv. 3-6)

1. God has ***blessed*** us – with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ (v. 3; 2Pet. 1:3).
 - Live & act like it!
2. God has ***chosen*** us (v. 4; Matt. 22:14; 1Pet. 2:9).
3. God has ***predestined*** us (v. 5) – not ***who*** would be saved but ***how*** – by being adopted as sons of God.
4. God has ***accepted*** us - in the Beloved (v. 6). The accepted in the Beloved should accept others in who are the Beloved!

"to the praise of the glory of His grace, ..." (Eph. 1:6a)

•God has ***blessed*** us, ***chosen*** us, ***predestined*** us & ***accepted*** us to the praise of the glory of His grace – to bring praise to His glorious grace!

B. How Jesus has Blessed Us (vv. 7- 13a)

1. Jesus has ***redeemed*** (delivered) us – through His blood, which includes being forgiven (vv. 7-8).
2. Jesus has ***revealed*** to us the mystery of His will – all things united in Christ (vv. 9-10; Rom. 8:19-21).
3. Jesus has ***inherited*** to us – we are Christ's inheritance and He is ours (v. 11)!

"that we ... should be to the praise of His glory." (v. 12)

•Jesus has ***redeemed*** us, ***revealed*** to us, & ***inherited*** to us – that we should be to the praise of His glory!

C. How the Holy Spirit has Blessed Us (vv. 13b-14)

1. The Holy Spirit has ***sealed*** us (v. 13b; 4:30).

"to the praise of His glory." (v. 14)

CONCLUSION: Let's know & experience the blessings of the Godhead – all to the Praise of His Glory!

God has ***blessed*** us, ***chosen*** us, ***predestined*** us, and ***accepted*** us in the Beloved - ***to the praise of the glory of His grace, ...***

Jesus has ***redeemed*** us, ***revealed*** to us and ***inherited*** to us - ***to the praise of His glory.***

The Holy Spirit has ***sealed*** us - ***to the praise of His glory.***

With all God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit have done for you, what more do you need? Come up!