WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Book of EPHESIANS: God's work of salvation and how it works out in life

Written while Paul was imprisoned in Rome. Read about Paul's ministry in Ephesus in Acts 18:18-21 and 19:1-41

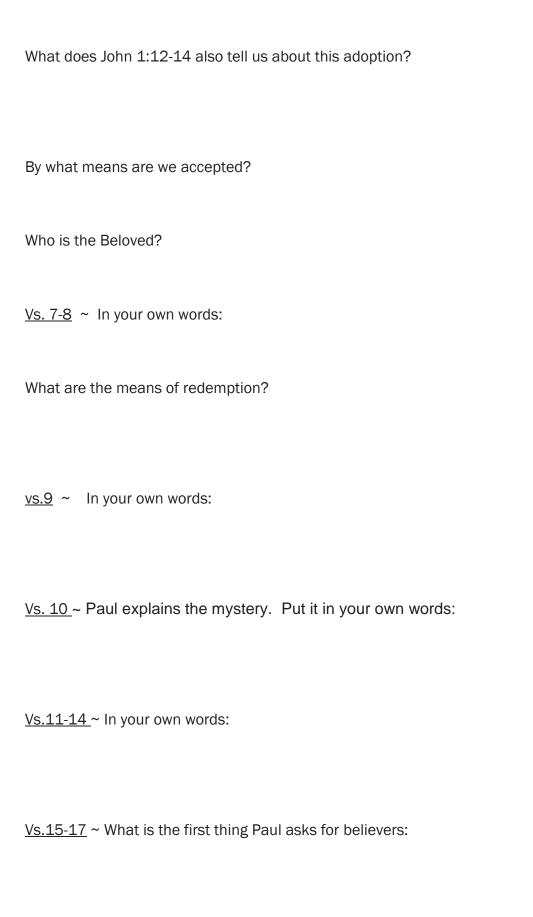
CHAPTER ONE DISCUSSION ITEMS

<u>Vs. 1-2</u> :		
How does Paul identify himself?		
What other epistles does Paul open with this same wording?		
What does this tell us about Paul?		
How does he identify the believers in the church at Ephesus?		
What does this tell us about ourselves?		
What is grace and what is peace?		
Who is the source of grace and peace?		
How are grace & peace accessed? Read Eph.2:8 & Rom.5:1,2		

<u>Vs.3</u> ~ In your own words		
Paul mentions a few of these spiritual blessings:		
vs. 4	_	
vs. 5,6	vs.7,8	
vs. 9 -	vs.11-	
vs.13	vs.14	
Where are these spiritual blessings to be found?		
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What does that mean to you?		

 $\underline{\text{Vs.4 - 6}} \sim \text{Who are the objects of being 'chosen', and what are they chosen for?}$

What does 2 Pet.3:9b inform us about God's will?



<u>V.18 a ~</u>	<u>v.18b</u> ~
Rom.8:17 ~	
What is our inheritance in the saints? Col.1:12,	, Heb. 12:28; and Jas.2:5 ~
Ps.73:26; 119:57; Lam.3:24 ~	

[Notice that all the following knowledge which Paul prays for is the results of the first]

"Men of the world . . . have their portion in this life....As for me,

I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when

I awake in Your likeness". . . "Whom have I in heaven but You?

And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength

of my heart and my portion forever," [Ps 17:14,15; 73:25-26].

We understand that for someone receives an inheritance because they were named in the will of the testator. Likewise with the "inheritance of the saints in the light" (Col.1:12). God our Father chose us for adoption according to His will and filled us with His Holy Spirit who is Himself the guarantee of our inheritance with the "saints in the light," (Col.1:12). The book of Ephesians opens with the "will of God" and His will is mentioned again in 1:5,9,11 and 5:7.