

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

Vs. 1-2:

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 _____

Vs.3 ~ 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? _____

What does that mean to you? _____

Vs.4 - 6 ~ 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?

What does John 1:12-14 also tell us about this adoption?

By what means are we accepted?

Who is the Beloved?

Vs. 7-8 ~ In your own words:

What are the means of redemption?

vs.9 ~ In your own words:

Vs. 10 ~ Paul explains the mystery. Put it in your own words:

Vs.11-14 ~ In your own words:

Vs.15-17 ~ What is the first thing Paul asks for believers:

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

V.18 a ~ _____ v.18b ~ _____

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 ~ _____

“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.