

September 8, 2024
Ephesians 1:1-14
“The Holy Trinity”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

“Pastor, for the past 3 weeks I have been thinking about Who God is and if I had only one word that I could use to describe Him, that word would be-‘HOLY’.” *Sam Burtis*

“I am simply at a loss for words for those who invest **more** in their: physical, financial, and entertainment lives and **less** in their spiritual lives; I suppose they more than anyone, should know what their spiritual life is **worth**.” *Gary M. Pinnell*

- I. **The work of the Father:** Election (**Ephesians 1:3-6**) In God the Father believers are blessed with spiritual blessings. God the Father chose believers before time began for the purpose of being holy and blameless. God predestined believers to be adopted as His own. This redemptive work was accomplished through the finished work of Jesus through His substitutionary atonement.
- II. **The work of the Son:** Redemption (**Ephesians 1:7-12**) In Jesus believers have redemption through His blood. By His grace believers sins are forgiven. God’s grace brings not only forgiveness and redemption but also every kind of wisdom and insight as well. Wisdom to see things as they really are. Understanding and discernment leading to right action. Believers have an inheritance, the end goal is that they put their hope in Christ alone-thereby bringing praise to His glory.
- III. **The work of the Holy Spirit:** Protection (**Ephesians 1:13-14**) In Christ the believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit at the moment he/she places their faith in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the immovable unfailing down payment of our inheritance, (once saved always saved), a home in heaven with the Lord forever-upon being redeemed. All of this is for God’s glory.

Application:

Just some of the gifts from God in our passage today: **(1)**Forgiveness of our trespasses. Redemption brings forgiveness. Forgiveness in Jesus is undeserved, but free and complete, throughout eternity. Believers need continued forgiveness but not continued redemption. Ask for cleansing of sins daily for good fellowship with the Lord. **(2)**Wisdom and insight, Stephen Hawking, supposedly one of the most brilliant men to ever live had none when it came down to-why? He simply had no answer to the purpose of life. God gives insight and wisdom into just a bit of what He is orchestrating to those He has chosen before the foundation of the world was ever laid! **(3)**Guaranteed inheritance and a home in heaven with the Lord forever for His glory!