

Ephesians 1

SOVEREIGNTY vs. 1(will of God), 5(good pleasure of His will), 6(His grace ... He has made), 9(Mystery of His will), 11(the purpose... of His will)

1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ;

1. Blessing of Election vs.4 John 10:25-30; 1 Peter 1:2
2. Blessing of Sanctification v.4 Romans 5&6
3. Blessing of Predestination v.5; Rom.8:29;
4. Blessing of Justification v.6 Romans 4&5
5. Blessing of Redemption v.7
6. Blessing of Revelation vs.8,9
7. Blessing of Inheritance vs.10,11 Today
8. Blessing of Sealing by the Holy Spirit v.13
9. Blessing of the Guarantee by the Holy Spirit v.14
10. Blessing of the wisdom, and understanding of God vs.15-18

Ephesians 1:10 Definitions

Dispensation – management, administration of a home, business or a period of human history

Fullness of times – completed seasons; Age of Grace; Millennium, Judgments

Gather together – restoration of original perfect order

All things – bring back together again

All – all created beings and things

BLESSING OF INHERITANCE vs.10,11

I. The surety of the Inheritance v.11; I Peter 1:4,5

A. Predestinated to have and be

1. We are Christ's Inheritance John 17:9
2. We are given an Inheritance

B. Reserved for you in Heaven I Peter 1:4,5

II. The Reason for the Inheritance

A. "according" – in conformity to, dominated by

B. "purpose" – plan, will, desire

C. "counsel" – intelligence, deliberation, reason from the High and Holy mind of

God

D. "that we should be" – destined v.12, to be like Him; upon the basis we trusted in Him

III. The Nature of the

inheritance

A. In Christ / with Christ – Rom.8:16,17

B. Incorruptible – I Peter 1:4,5

C. In Heaven – ""

D. Reserved – ""

E. Increased through Suffering I Peter 1:6,7

We must suffer if we would reign with Christ

1. Reigning is a part of inheritance Rom. 8:16-19

2. Refining is part reigning 2 Tim. 2:12

3. Christ suffered more than the Physical Phil. 2:5-9

4. We shall reign if we overcome Rev. 1:6; 3:21; 5:10

5. We must suffer if we would reign with Christ II Tim. 3:12