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LESSON 3 – OUTLINE

- I. Atonement is already an accomplished work.

According as he hath [past tense] chosen us in him before the foundation of the world.

EPHESIANS 1:4, BRACKETS MINE

- A. Salvation was just waiting for you to reach out in faith and appropriate it.
- B. Although you had to choose to believe and receive, God had already made the provision before you ever had the need, before you were even born, and before you had ever sinned.

That we should be holy and without blame before him in love: [5] Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, [6] To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath [past tense] made us accepted in the beloved.

EPHESIANS 1:4-6, EMPHASIS & BRACKETS MINE

- II. Most Christians are trying to do things (live holy, read the Word, tithe, fast, etc.) to make themselves acceptable to God.
 - A. They're blinded to the truth that He has already made them "*accepted in the beloved*" (Eph. 1:6).

And the angel [Gabriel] came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee [Mary]: blessed art thou among women.

LUKE 1:28, BRACKETS MINE

- B. Being "*accepted*" means you are "*highly favoured*" of God!
- C. You're accepted because of what Jesus did.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

EPHESIANS 1:7

- D. At the cross, Jesus paid for all of your past-, present-, and even future-tense sins.

- E. This is the “*eternal redemption*” that Hebrews 9:12 reveals.
- III. There’s a huge difference between what we pray: “O God, go and touch this person” and what Paul prayed: “Lord, please help them to see and understand what You’ve already done.”

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [18] The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, [19] And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.

EPHESIANS 1:17-19

- A. When we know what God has already done, we’ll pray with confidence.
- B. Revival doesn’t come by begging the Lord to pour out His Spirit.
- C. Revival comes when we seek the Lord wholeheartedly and begin to believe, draw out, and flow in what He’s already done.

IV. Paul didn’t pray for God to do something new.

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, [16] Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; [17] That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

EPHESIANS 1:15-17

- A. Paul wasn’t asking for something new but that the revelation of what God has already done and is now resident within us would begin to come out.

Wherein he hath [already] abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; [9] Having made known unto us the mystery of his will.

EPHESIANS 1:8-9, BRACKETS MINE

- B. In other words, this wisdom and revelation Paul was praying for have already been given to every believer.
- C. It’s just that not every Christian is receiving it—they don’t have their sets plugged in, turned on, and tuned in to it.

That the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

EPHESIANS 1:18

D. We just need a revelation of what we already have.

V. Ephesians 1:18 reveals that the riches of the glory of God's inheritance are in the saints.

- A. What's in heaven pales in comparison to what's already inside of you.
- B. Your five natural senses cannot perceive your spirit. Neither can you "feel" it with your soul (your personality—mind, will, emotions, and conscience).
- C. You must see who you are and what you have in the spirit realm through God's Word and then believe it by faith.
- D. If you focus your attention on who you are and what you have in Christ—recognizing that it's a done deal and that the glory you'll experience throughout all eternity is already inside you—depression would leave, and you'd start enjoying victory.

LESSON 3 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You have already been forgiven—completely! Jesus didn't only deal with your past sins at the cross, which you've confessed, He paid for all of your past-, present-, and even future-tense sins. This is the "*eternal redemption*" that Hebrews 9:12 reveals.

My message entitled "Eternal Redemption" deals with Hebrews 9 in depth. It's the second part of *Spirit, Soul & Body*. Also, "Complete Forgiveness," *Redemption*, and *The War Is Over* all expand upon these truths.

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LESSON 3 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Ephesians 1:4-6, the Father chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be what?
2. What has (past tense) God made us in His grace?
3. Ephesians 1:7 reveals that we have what?
4. According to Hebrews 9:12, Jesus obtained eternal redemption for _____.
5. Ephesians 1:8-9 says that God has abounded toward us in all what?
6. Read Ephesians 1:15-20. What spirit did Paul pray that the Lord would give us?
7. What being enlightened?
8. That we may know what?
9. According to Romans 8:37, we are more than _____ through Him who loved us.
10. Second Corinthians 5:17 reveals that anyone in Christ is a what?
11. What has passed away?
12. All things have become what?
13. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, Jesus was made sin that we might be made _____ in Him.
14. Ephesians 4:24 exhorts us to put on the new man, which after God is created in _____.
15. According to Colossians 1:13, the Father delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into _____.
16. Read 1 Corinthians 1:30. What has Christ Jesus been made unto us?
 - A. Wisdom
 - B. Righteousness
 - C. Sanctification
 - D. Redemption
 - E. All of the above
 - F. None of the above
17. According to 1 Corinthians 15:57, what has God given us through our Lord Jesus Christ?
18. What does 1 John 2:20 reveal that we have from the Holy One?

19. According to Galatians 2:20, who now lives in us?
20. The life we now live in the flesh, we live by the faith of whom?

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LESSON 3 – SCRIPTURES

EPHESIANS 1:4-9

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LUKE 1:28

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

HEBREWS 9:12

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

EPHESIANS 1:15-20

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, [16] Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; [17] That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [18] The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, [19] And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, [20] Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.

ROMANS 8:37

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

EPHESIANS 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

COLOSSIANS 1:13

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

GALATIANS 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:30

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 JOHN 2:20

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.