

16. What is God's purpose for us? Vs. 4

17. Think about these two words; how do they relate to your daily life?

Define these two words. If you have a Strong's Concordance or you can use one online to look up these words. Go to www.biblestudytools.com

Holy

Blameless

18. In verses 4 – 14 locate the triune God and highlight the part each played in our salvation. Make 3 columns on your answer sheet and list them below each person of the Trinity.

God the Father

Jesus Christ

Holy Spirit

19. Go back and read verses 3-14. Out in the margin of the text label them past, present and future. Underline the text that refers to what he has done in the past (election), present (redemption) and future (inheritance). What point do you believe Paul is trying to make?

20. Look at vs.5, why did God do all this for us?

21. After reading and studying verses 4-14 what part did we play in our salvation?

Read Eph. 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast"

Why is this truth so crucial for our understanding and our obedient walk of faith?

Really try to write this answer out. Putting it on paper will help you seal it in your heart.

22. As a believer, what do we have and what was the cost according to vs.7?

23. Highlight the 3 words in verse 13 that state how the Ephesians and we too come to Christ.

24. Verse 13 says believers are "sealed with the promised Holy Spirit". What does it mean we are sealed?

Jn.14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

Jn 15:26 (Jesus speaking to his disciples) "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

25. What does verse 14 tell us that establishes our assurance of salvation and heaven one day?

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time

I love the word picture of being sealed and guaranteed. In business today we see these two words used constantly. They evoke confidence. The Holy Spirit is the promise or earnest given to us to prove whose we are now. If you are married you wear a wedding ring to show whose you are. Unlike the ring, the Holy Spirit can do so much for us. The word in the Greek is *Parakletos* one called to come along side, to lead us to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give us divine strength needed to enable believers to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom. If you are a believer acknowledge the

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Holy Spirit's presence and listen for his leading as you go about your day today. May God be glorified in all you think, say and do today.