

THREE IN ONE

“Jesus, the Son”- Ephesians 1:7-12
January 10th, 2016

OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ Ephesians 1:7-12, 20-23; 2:4-7

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. Review verses 3-6. What do these verses tell you about the role and responsibility of God the Father in your life and salvation?
2. Based on verses 7-12, what role and responsibility does Jesus, the Son, play? What are the key words that Paul uses to describe Jesus role in our lives?
3. In verse 5, Paul spoke of our “adoption” by God, because of the sacrifice of Jesus. Notice in these verses all that has happened because of our adoption. In Him (or because of Jesus...)
 - God Has Redeemed us (v.7)
 - What is the meaning of the word “redemption”?
 - What is the relationship between our “redemption” and “His blood”?
 - God has Forgiven us (v.7)
 - What does it mean that we are forgiven?
 - How are we forgiven?
 - Why did Paul connect His “grace” to our “forgiveness”?
 - God has revealed His Will to us (v.8-10)
 - What does v.8-10 tell us about God’s Will?
 - What does “the summing up of all things in Christ” mean?
 - God has made us his Inheritance (v.11-12)
 - How are we God’s inheritance?
 - What does v.11 say we are predestined to? What does that mean?
4. Read Ephesians 1:20-23. What does this tell us about Jesus’ authority over the things that have held mankind in bondage?
5. Read Ephesians 2:4-7. What is the significance of us being raised up with Jesus?

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
-A.W. Tozer

NEXT STEPS:

- Tim Keller says, “The Son became a slave so that the slave could become sons.” Do you live in the reality of your adoption? Do you approach God as a son or as a slave?
- What do you feel guilty and shameful about? How does Jesus sacrifice change that?
- What do you feel angry about concerning what other’s have done to you. How does Jesus sacrifice heal?
- What do you feel in bondage to? How does the reality of Eph. 1:20-23 and 2:4-7 change and free you?