

Redemption and Ephesians 1:1-6

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Ephesians 1:1, “Paul, **an apostle** of Jesus Christ **by the will of God**, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful **in Christ Jesus**.”

Ephesians 1:2, “Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.”

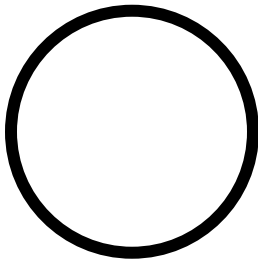
Ephesians 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places **in Christ**.”

Ephesians 1:4, “According as he hath chosen us **in him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be **holy** and **without blame** before him in love: “

Ephesians 1:5, “Having predestinated us unto the **adoption of children** by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,”

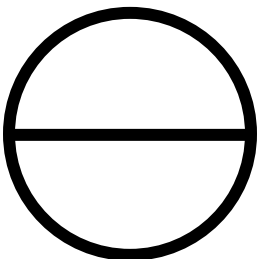
Ephesians 1:6, “To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us **accepted in the beloved**.” **PRAY NOW!**

Eternity:

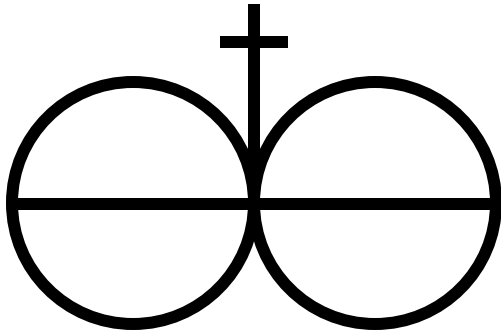


Jesus Christ IS ETERNAL LIFE: 1 John 5:20, “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an **understanding**, that we may **know him** that is true, and we are **in him** that is true, even in his Son **Jesus Christ**. **This is the true God, and eternal life**.” And: 1 John 5:12, “**He that hath the Son hath life**; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”

Time Line in the Old Testament:



Jesus Christ = Eternal Life entered into TIME:



When Jesus Christ entered into TIME a vortex time warp was created in the space / time continuum! When you receive Jesus Christ you become a time traveler and show up at the beginning of time IN CHRIST and up in the HEAVENLY PLACES also IN CHRIST! Where ever Jesus Christ has been or is or will be, YOU ARE THERE once IN CHRIST! You

are either IN ADAM or you are IN CHRIST.

John 1:12-13, “But **as many as received him**, to **them gave he power** to become **the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.**” And: John 3:7, “Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**”

It is your SPIRIT that is born again, your soul is NEVER born again! The spirit was DEAD; your soul was NOT dead but was LOST. The SOUL needed to be SAVED.

Ephesians 1:7, “In whom **we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace;” and: Ephesians 1:12-13, “That we should be to the praise of his glory, **who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also **after that ye believed**, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,”

Everything is based on the first thing: Believing the word of truth after hearing it.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21, “Therefore if any man be **in Christ**, he is **a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath **reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ**, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, **reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God**. 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.”

There are three sides of reconciliation: God's side, Christ's side, and Man's side. Knowing this helps to keep certain doctrinal things straight. Knowing also and understanding the tripartite nature of man will keep you from making doctrinal errors. Understanding certain doctrines such as Justification, Redemption, Propitiation, Remission, Imputation, etc. will keep you from errors that will lead you astray.

Romans 3:24-26, "**Being justified freely** by his grace through the redemption that is **in Christ Jesus**: Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare **his righteousness for the remission of sins** that are past, through the **forbearance** of God; To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness**: that **he might be just**, and the justifier **of him which believeth in Jesus.**"

1. Man is born in this work as the sparks fly upward: Job 5:7, "Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward."
2. Man is born innocent of the law therefore God does not impute sin to him yet: Romans 5:13, "For until the law sin was in the world: but **sin is not imputed when there is no law.**"
3. The spirit of man was alive as a child, but when the law entered, sin revived, and the spirit of the child died. Romans 7:8-9, "But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence (powerful feelings of physical desire). For without the law sin was dead. For **I was alive without the law once**: but when the **commandment came, sin revived, and I died.**"
4. The gospel is presented to the lost soul, who sees his lost state, and receives the gospel and believes on Christ. (Ephesians 1:7 from above) John 1:12, "But **as many as received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" and Romans 10:9-10, "That if **thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus**, and shalt **believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved**. For with **the heart man believeth unto righteousness**; and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**"
5. God then imputes Jesus Christ's righteousness to the sinner; and imputes the sinner's sins to Jesus Christ. Romans 4:22-25, "And therefore it was **imputed to him (Abraham) for righteousness**. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, **to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead**; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our

justification” and 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For he (God) hath made him (Jesus Christ) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we **might** be made **the righteousness of God in him.**” And Psalms 32:2, “Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.” And Romans 4:6-8, “Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom **God imputeth righteousness without works,** Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. **Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.**” Galatians 3:13, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:”

6. Now with imputed righteousness the Holy Spirit can come into the sinner made righteous, and work a work without hands in the spiritual circumcision: Colossians 2:11, “In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in **putting off the body of the sins of the flesh** by the circumcision of Christ:” Cutting the flesh from the soul, saving the soul from the sins of the flesh.
7. Then the Holy Spirit enters man’s dead spirit and melds with it making it ONE LIVING Spirit and giving it ETERNAL LIFE, Thus the new birth, new life, Christ IN YOU and you are IN HIM.

If you are Born Again these things are true of YOU:

Now you are:

Ephesians 1:1, “...the faithful **in Christ Jesus**...”

Ephesians 1:3, “... blessed... ...with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places **in Christ:**”

Ephesians 1:4, “...**in him** before the foundation of the world...”

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Ephesians 1:4 “...in love...”

Ephesians 1:5, in “...the **adoption of children**...”

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