

Understanding what was written to the Ephesians

1:9-10

He made known to us the _____ of His _____, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in Him, regarding His plan of the _____ of the times, to bring all things together _____, things in the _____ and things on the earth.

- ↳ What else does Paul say about this mystery in 3:3-7?
- ↳ Of what mystery does he speak in 5:32?
- ↳ What request does he make regarding the mystery in 6:19-20?

1:18-21

I pray that the _____ of your _____ may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the _____ of His calling, what are the riches of the _____ of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who _____. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about _____, when He raised Him from the dead and _____ Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, _____ all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every _____ that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

- What are the eyes of your heart & how can they be enlightened?
- What exactly is the hope of God's calling?

2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great _____ with which He loved us, even when we were _____ in our wrongdoings, made us alive _____ with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and _____ us up with Him, and _____ us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the _____ riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

- How can a person who is up and walking around be dead?
- What does it mean to be seated with Christ in the heavenly places?

2:8-10

For by _____ you have been saved through _____; and that not of yourselves, it is the _____ of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created _____ for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

- ⇒ What was the first thing Paul did in Acts 19 when he met the 12 men who apparently were the beginnings of the church in Ephesus?
- ⇒ Is baptism in conflict with salvation by God's grace?
- ⇒ Is baptism in conflict with being saved through faith?

2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow _____ with the saints, and are of God's _____, having been built on the foundation of the _____ and _____, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being _____ together, is growing into a _____ temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a _____ of God in the Spirit.

- ❖ Paul writes that the Ephesians are fellow citizens, but fellow citizens of what?
- ❖ What does it mean to say that Christ is the chief cornerstone?
- ❖ How were the saints in Ephesus "built together" into a temple?