

GOD'S SELF REVELATION IN THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

This year, I was blessed to see a fresh and wonderful vision of God. I was struck by the unity between Father-Son-Holy Spirit. Father conceived a plan, the Son accomplished it and the Holy Spirit is today applying it to the life of the believer. As I reviewed the epistle to the Ephesians, I was blessed to discover the following.

Father's Self-Revelation

All missions on earth are assigned according to the will of Father who works all things according to the counsel and good pleasure of His will. When His grace flows, peace always follows.

He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and of all. He is above all, and through all, and in all. He is the Father of glory, source of every spiritual blessing, a rewarder, and a master, He is rich in mercy and His love is great toward us. He is known as the revealer of mysteries and the owner of a kingdom. He is not partial. He dwells both in heaven and in all saints.

He chooses, predestines, makes us accepted in the Beloved, and gives us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself. He opens the eyes of our understanding and enlightens us by revealing the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints and the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ.

He has created all things through Jesus Christ and is going to gather together in one all things in Christ – in heaven and earth – in Him. He raised His Son from the dead and has seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come. Father put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church.

Father makes us alive together with Christ, saves us by His grace, raises and makes us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Father is going to display to us the exceeding riches of His grace for ages to come. He is kind toward us in Christ Jesus. He is the giver of the gift of salvation and a creator of masterpieces.

He has created us in Christ Jesus for good works which He prepared before-hand. He makes us fellow heirs, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel. His manifold wisdom will be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. He has accomplished His eternal purpose in Christ Jesus our Lord.

He strengthens us with might through His Spirit in the inner man according to the riches of His glory. He has forgiven us in Christ and directs wrath toward the sons of disobedience. The fellowship of His mystery has been hidden in Him from the beginning of the ages. Father desires that we be rooted and grounded in love. He wants us to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height of His dimensions. He desires that we know the love of Christ which passes knowledge.

Father desires that we be filled with all His fullness, understand and do His will, and be filled with the Spirit. He desires that we use His armor so we can stand against the wiles of the devil and withstand the evil day.

Father desires that we understand that our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this age, and spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. He desires that we use the following armor: truth, righteousness, the preparation of the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the Word, and prayer

Son's Self-Revelation

A review of Paul's epistle to the Ephesians will show that Jesus Christ is our peace, chief *cornerstone* and Lord. He is an offering and sacrifice. He is called God's sweet-smelling aroma. Jesus is the giver of light, head of the church and Savior of the body. He is its sanctifier. He cleanses the body with the washing of water by the word. He nourishes and cherishes the church. The whole family in heaven and earth is named according to Jesus Christ. He loves the church.

He desires to dwell in our heart through faith. Jesus redeems, forgives our sins and makes the riches of His grace to abound. He makes known the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself.

Jesus has granted us an inheritance. He predestines us and draws us to Himself by His blood. He unites us, breaks down walls of separation, abolishes enmity and reconciles us to God through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity that exists between God and us.

He gives us the gift of the grace of God by the effective working of His power. He leads captivity captive, and grants us gifts. He ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill all things. He descended into the lower parts of the earth.

He teaches us. He has given the following as gifts: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Through Him we have access by one Spirit to the Father. Christ gave Himself for the church and will present her to Himself a glorious church. He gave Himself for us and desires to dwell in our heart through faith. We now make melody in our heart. The Lord desires that we submit to one another in the fear of God. Grace flows to us and peace

follows from the Lord Jesus Christ. The truth is in Him. Peace and love with faith proceed from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit's Self-Revelation

Pal also reveals some wonderful things about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is said to be the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession. The Spirit is the revealer of secrets. Through Jesus Christ we have access by one Spirit to the Father. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise and enjoy the unity He brings men. There is one Spirit and He will continue to seal us for the day of redemption. The fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.