



"THE GATHERING"

Ephesians Lesson 1 - In Him

Ephesians 1:1-14 NKJV "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."

1. In general, when Paul wrote he used three phrases when referring to the Messiah: Jesus Christ which referred to _____. Christ Jesus referred to _____. Christ referred to _____.
2. The first reference to those who recognize Christ were called, saints. (Greek: ἅγιοις hagios - unlikeness).
3. "...all spiritual blessings..." πάση εὐλογίᾳ πνευματικῆ (_____) _____.
4. "... before the foundation of the world..." πρὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου prior to the _____ of the cosmos (system).

5. "...redemption through His blood..." in Hebraic thought:

Leviticus 17:11 "For the **life** of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul."

Life נפש - _____.