

4. How does God make His will known?

How should we be living in light of what He has revealed?

5. How soon do you think Jesus is coming? What signs or circumstances might indicate that His return is close at hand?

How will history as we know it come to its final goal?

6. How might seeing the “big picture” of the ultimate destiny of the universe (Ephesians 1:10) alter or direct your life right now?

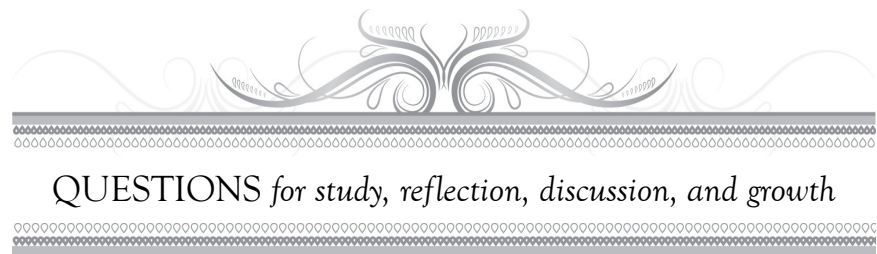
7. How does the fact that you are God’s possession or heritage affect the way you make decisions?

I. A. 1. blood. I. B. 1. forgiveness. I. C. 1. riches, grace.
II. A. 1. a. supernaturally. b. practically. II. B. 1. a. reunion. b. destruction. c. new creation.
III. A. 1. portion, possession.



Week 3: OUR PURCHASE, HIS PLAN
Pastor Scott Nelson | Ephesians 1:7-12 | October 18-19, 2008

- I. Our Redemption in Christ (Ephesians 1:7-8a).
 - A. The cost of our redemption.
 - 1. “Through His _____ . . .”
 - 2. Stories of redemption.
 - 3. A vision of the Lamb (Revelation 5).
 - B. The consequence of our redemption.
 - 1. “The _____ of our sins . . .”
 - 2. Freedom from bondage.
 - 3. A future with hope.
 - C. The contemplation of our redemption.
 - 1. “According to the _____ of His _____ . . .”
 - 2. “Lavished with grace.”
- II. God’s Revelation in Christ (Ephesians 1:8b-10).
 - A. The mystery of God’s will made known.



QUESTIONS *for study, reflection, discussion, and growth*

1. By the grace of “wisdom and insight.”
 - a. Seeing things _____.
 - b. Living for God’s glory _____.
2. By the revelation of God’s Word.
 - a. Defining “mystery.”
 - b. Made known through His kindness.

B. The end of history revealed.

1. Gathering everything together in Christ.

“What Paul means is that one day God’s universe, into which sin has brought disorder and confusion, will be restored to harmony and unity under the headship of Jesus Christ. Ultimately everything in existence will be made to serve the sovereign purpose of God.” *Curtis Vaughn*

- a. The _____ of God’s people in heaven and on earth (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- b. The final _____ of powers and authorities (1 Corinthians 15:24-28).
- c. From chaos and curse to a _____ (Romans 8:18-23).

2. Carried out in “the fullness of times.”

III. The Blessings of Inheritance (Ephesians 1:11-12).

A. The blessing of belonging to God.

1. He is our _____; We are His _____.
2. Everything according to His purpose and will.

B. Our purpose: His praise and glory.

1. Read Ephesians 1:3, 7-12; Romans 3:21-24; Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:17-21; and Revelation 5:9.
2. What did you learn about redemption in this sermon?

Why do you think it is important to consider our salvation from the standpoint of being redeemed?

What are some Old Testament examples of redemption?

3. Do you struggle with the truth that your sins are forgiven in Christ? Is there a particular sin you think God can’t or won’t forgive?

What are the consequences of redemption?
How has this changed the way you think and live?