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Studying “THE EPHESIANS EPISTLE”

The Focus of the Epistle:

The primary intent of the letter is to reveal the church as the medium used by God to accomplish His divine purpose. The church is the body of Christ. The church is to surrender the entire being, the complete self to Christ for His Divine Objectives. The church should be “holy and without blemish.” This was determined before the foundation of the world. The origin of the church was conceived in the Mind of God in Eternity (1:4). This is God’s Predestination. In His plan for predestination are mentioned three (3) things: redemption (v. 7), revelation (v. 8-12) and realization (v. 13-14).

In the “Handbook for Bible Teachers & Preachers,” G. C. Morgan provides the following picture of the essential message and application of the Ephesians Epistle.

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit, the apostle Paul spent 3 years with believers at Ephesus. This letter is divided into 2 parts: doctrinal (chpt. 1-3) and practical (chap. 4-6). The doctrinal deals with the church/born-again-believers who are the body of Christ in the world. As believers, they are members of that sacred body, the church. The church is predestined by God's Grace from the foundation of the world. The practical aspect of Ephesians deals with the conduct, character and calamity of believers. Moreover, it's said, "this letter declares to the world that the Church of God is the instrument of God for the establishment of His Kingdom; and it teaches that if any man would help to the establishment of His Kingdom, there is one way into the Church; he may enter through the one Lord, by one faith, and one baptism."

Church Language & Language Meaning

- 1. V. 1, Called "Saints":**
- 2. V. 1, "In Christ":**
- 3. V. 2, "Grace":**
- 4. V. 2, "Peace":**
- 5. V. 3, "Blesses":**
- 6. V. 4, "Chosen":**
- 7. V. 6, "Acceptable":**

