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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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Ephesians 1: 3-14

BLESSED IN THE TRINITY

5:00 God's truth is to be; primarily, worked out on earth among the people and not thought of as some super spiritual reality only reserved for heaven.

5:20 Ephesians 1: 3-14 constitute but a single sentence in the original Greek.

7:00 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Represent the truth compressed into 12 verses – The secrets of the Gospel – God's ultimate purpose and what he has done for us, all in a nutshell. It demonstrates the will of the Father, wrought by the Son, and applied by the Holy Spirit. It is a picture of the Trinitarian nature of the Godhead.

12:00 The church, being the agent of God, is to expand the frontiers of the Kingdom here on earth. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

16:10 As to God's plan – The Father thought it, The Son brought it, and the Holy Spirit enables it. We are to carry on the ministry of Jesus. Technically it is not our ministry but the ministry of Jesus continued through us.

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16:45 The constant references to “In Christ” and “In Him” means that the Father so identifies us with Jesus that he never thinks of us apart from our presence in his son.

18:00 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 The great exchange: our sins to Jesus and His righteousness to us. Love beyond any human capacity.

21:40 Jesus was the incarnate Word – we are his incarnate messengers, even now, indwelt for good works that he has already prepared for us.

27:00 The practical elements of living with the different personalities within the body of Christ (Church).

34:00 – 53:00 Thoughts on the doctrine of the Trinity. A perspective from both Old Testament and the New Testament. A synopsis of the predictive prophecies about the coming of the Messiah, and Jesus own words about the Trinity.

53:25 The Holy Spirit is to be to you and me everything that Jesus was to his disciples – companion, teacher, leader and the one who empowers.

54:00 Is the church acting as Trinitarian or is it stuck in a Unitarian rut. How to understand the place of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in our practical experiences.

Eph. 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. 9 And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

Eph. 1:11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

2Cor. 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.