

Ephesians 1:8-14

8. Wherein He has abounded toward us in all **wisdom** and prudence (**understanding**);

- **I Corinthians 1:30** "... you are in Christ Jesus, who by God is made unto us _____ , and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."
- **Proverbs 9:10** "The fear (reverential awe) of the Lord is the beginning of _____ ."

9. Having made known unto us the **mystery** of His will, according to **His good pleasure** which He has purposed in Himself.

- **Definition: "mystery:"** - "**something previously hidden or not known, that is now REVEALED by God.**"
- **Read Ephesians 3:4-5** "..... you may understand my knowledge in the _____ of Christ, which in other ages was not made _____ **by the Spirit** to His holy apostles and prophets."
- **Colossians 1:26-27** "..... the _____ which has been **hidden** from ages and from generations, but now has been _____ to His saints."
- **Luke 10:21** "... Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, 'I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and Earth, that You have _____ these things from the [worldly] wise and prudent and _____ them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed _____ in Your sight.'"

10. That the dispensation of **the fullness of times** He might **gather together in one all things** in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on Earth -- in Him:

- **Galatians 4:4** "But when the _____ of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law..."
- **Mark 1:15** "And saying, 'The time is _____ , and the kingdom of God is at hand (close by). Repent, and believe the gospel.'"
- **Colossians 1:20** "..... by Him (Jesus) to **reconcile ALL THINGS** to Himself, by Him, whether things on _____ or things in _____ , having made peace through the blood of His cross."
- **Definition: "reconcile"** - "**To restore to friendship or harmony; to BRING TOGETHER**"

11. In whom also we have obtained an **inheritance**, being predestined according to the **purpose** of Him who **works all things** according to **the counsel of His own will**;

- **Read Acts 26:13-18** (Verse 18) "... to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of _____ to God, that they may receive _____ of sins, and an _____ among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."
- **Colossians 1:12-13** "Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to be partakers of the _____ of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the power of _____ and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son."

12. That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first **trusted in Christ**.

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** "**TRUST** in the Lord with all your _____ , and do **not** lean (rely, **trust**) on **your own** understanding; in all your ways acknowledge _____ , and He shall direct your paths."

13. In whom also you trusted, after you had heard the **word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after you had **believed**, you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit** of promise,

- **John 6:68** "The Simon Peter answered Him (Jesus), "Lord, to whom shall we go? You [and You alone] have the **words of eternal life**. Also, we have come to **believe and know** that You are the _____ , the Son of the Living God."
- **Ephesians 4:30** "And do not grieve the _____ of God, by whom you were _____ for the day of redemption."
- **John 14:16-17** "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another _____ , that He may **abide with you forever**, even the Spirit of truth (Holy Spirit), whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you, and will be _____ ."

14. Which is the guarantee (pledge) of our inheritance until **the REDEMPTION of the PURCHASED possession**, unto the praise of His glory.

- **Definition: "pledge"** - "**a down-payment, a PROMISE that the full price will be paid**" When we accept Christ as Saviour, our **spirit** is born again, and the **Holy Spirit comes to live in us** as a guarantee or promise until our **BODY** is redeemed and made perfect at the **RESURRECTION**.
- **Romans 8:9-11 & 21-23** (Verse 11) "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead **wells in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give _____ to your mortal _____ through His _____ who dwells in you." (Verse 23) "...but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, the _____ of our _____ ."
- **I Peter 1:18-19** "Knowing that your were not **redeemed (PURCHASED)** with corruptible things, such as _____ and _____ from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers (ancestors), but with the precious blood of _____ , as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."
- **I Thessalonians 5:23** "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may to your whole _____ , soul, and _____ be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."