

## Tell them of Jesus Lesson Five - Peace is Better Than War

### Enemies of God before conversion

#### Ephesians 2:11,12

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Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

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That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

At war with God, if we leave Him

#### James 4:4

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Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

#### I. Ephesians 1:1:

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Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

a. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God -

Paul's use of the title for himself was as of a plenary representative of Christ, in harmony with the will of God had personally commissioned him:

#### 1. Galatians 1:15

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But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

2. I Corinthians 14:37

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If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

3. II Corinthians 12:12

12

Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

b. to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

1. The saints

John 17:17

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Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

2. At Ephesus- their geographic location

3. the faithful in Christ Jesus – their spiritual location

II. Ephesians 1:2:

2

Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

a. Grace be to you – God's unmerited favor

b. and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ:

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1. Philippians 4:7

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And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

2. James 1:16,17

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Do not err, my beloved brethren.

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Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

III. Ephesians 1:3:

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

a. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places:

1. The expression conveys the idea that the totality of all blessings of a spiritual nature and having eternal value. are to be found exclusively "in Christ."

b. in CHRIST - Exclusively:

1. Galatians 3:27

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For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

2. I John 1:7

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But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

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### 3. Acts 4:10-12

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Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

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This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

iv. Ephesians 1:4:

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According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

a. According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world:

1. Key is "In Him" - plan was for all the redeemed in the church be saved in Christ

b. that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

1. Be holy - in Christ

Philippians 3:9

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And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

2. Without blame before Him

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Romans 8:1

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There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

3. In Love

John 3:16

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life

v. Ephesians 1:5:

5

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

a. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself:

1. God in designing the creation of man with the express purpose of making people his sons through Christ.

2. Romans 8:15

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For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

3. Galatians 4:6

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And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

b. according to the good pleasure of his will:

1. His unalterable purpose to confer this blessing on all those who should believe in Christ, and only those.

2. Romans 1:5;16

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By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.