

ARE YOU LIVING LIKE A PAUPER? (Ephesians 1:1-6)

**What was likely Paul's purpose for writing the book of Ephesians? Where was he?*

I. Paul's greeting to the Church in Ephesus (1:1-2)

**What two things can we observe about Paul's apostleship?*

**Is there a distinction being made amongst the saints in Ephesus?*

**Through what two resources does Paul encourage believers before delving into his letter?*

II. The Wealth of the Church (1:3-3:21)

A. Praise for Redemption (1:3-14)

a. The Role of the Father (1:3-6)

God the Father is worthy of our praise...

1. ...because of the vast spiritual _____ He has loaded us up with in _____
_____ (vs. 3).

*Principle to Ponder #1: Believers live like spiritual _____ rather than spiritual
_____, either due to _____ or _____.*

2. ...because of His sovereign _____ of us despite our _____ and
_____ (vs.4).

**What five qualifiers can we observe about God the Father's election?*

a) 'in Him' (Jesus Christ) –

b) 'before the foundation of the world' –

c) 'that we should be holy and blameless' –

Principle to Ponder #2: Christ did not elect believers in order to _____ with sin and legalism, but so that we would be _____ and blameless before Him via His _____.

d) 'before Him' (God the Father) –

e) 'in love' –

3. ...because of His _____ us into the _____ as sons and daughters through _____ (vs. 5-6).

**What seven things can we observe about God the Father's predestination?*

a) 'us' –

b) 'to adoption' –

c) 'as sons' –

d) 'by Jesus Christ' –

e) 'to Himself' –

f) 'according to the good pleasure of His will' –

g) 'to the praise of the glory of His grace' –

Principle to Ponder #3: The Lord is not _____ his pennies nor _____ the coffers, but has already given us _____ spiritual blessing through Jesus Christ.

**What can we learn from all of this? Who are you living like this morning?*