



GPS for the week of February 21: Ephesians 1:3-23

“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 for adoption to sonship 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 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 reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. 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 put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you 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. 15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

Sunday, February 21:

Scripture: Read above Scripture slowly (even if it is very familiar to you).

Questions: What stood out for you as you read this Scripture? What do you hope to be reminded of as you focus on this Scripture this week? Do you see the prayer contained within it? Wouldn’t you love someone to pray this for you? How does it make you feel to be chosen?

Prayer: Lord God, thank You for Your love for me, for choosing me and predestining me for adoption into sonship through Jesus Christ. I want to live up to this calling You placed on my life so that I do know the hope to which You have called me.

Monday, February 22:

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-6: “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 for adoption to sonship 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.”

Questions: How often do you praise God for the blessings He has given you? What do you think it means that we were chosen to be holy and blameless in His sight? How does it make you feel to be adopted? Have you ever really thought about what this means?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the reminder that you desire to bless me and to adopt me into Your family. Help me to be holy and blameless so that others will ask me about You. Thank You for your glorious grace.

Tuesday, February 23:

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7-10: “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 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 reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.”

Questions: Do you see this great reminder that says that in Him we have the redemption through the forgiveness of sins? Don't you love the idea that we have the hope that someday all things in heaven and on earth will be under Christ and that this will bring unity? Do you agree that it is important to have hope?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You that through You we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins. Thank You for the riches of Your grace that You have lavished on us. Help me to be more willing to accept these from You rather than question them. I do desire unity in all things in heaven and on earth and pray that I may witness this.

Wednesday, February 24:

Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-13: "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 put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,"

Questions: What do you think of the idea that you were chosen and predestined by Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will? How does it make you feel to know that when you believed, that you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit?

Prayer: Jesus, what an honor to be chosen by You. Remind me when I am feeling anxious to remember that You work out everything in conformity with the purpose of Your will. Thank You for the promise of Your Holy Spirit. I want Your Spirit to be flowing through me so that I can be in tune with what You are doing.

Thursday, February 25:

Scripture: Ephesians 1:14-16: "14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. 15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."

Questions: Do you see that it is the Spirit who guarantees our inheritance? Will that thought make you feel differently as to how you allow the Spirit to move in your life? Do you have someone in your life who is giving thanks for you and remembering you in their prayers? Have you shown them appreciation for this lately?

Prayer: Thank You Lord for guaranteeing me an inheritance through Your promised Holy Spirit. Right now I want You to bless _____ who has prayed for me constantly. Bless him/her now Lord as they have blessed me.

Friday, February 26:

Scripture: Ephesians 1:17-20: "17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,"

Questions: Do you ever ask God to give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you will know Him better? How about praying that the eyes of your heart would be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you? Wouldn't you like these verses prayed over your life?

Prayer: Lord God, I pray these verses over my life. I want to be given wisdom and revelation. I pray that the eyes of my heart would be enlightened so that I may know the hope to which You have called me. I also want Your incomparably great power to be poured over me.

Saturday, February 27:

Scripture: Ephesians 1:21-23: "21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."

Questions: Do you know that you can pray these verses over your own life if you feel that this is what you need? Or, did you know you can call a friend and pray these verses (17-23) over each other? How well do you do at asking God yourself for what you need? Or are you better at asking on behalf of others?

Prayer: Lord, I take the authority, power, and dominion that You have invoked and desire to use it to be in ministry for You. Reveal Your ways and will for my life so that I can respond to all that You desire for me to do.