

In Ephesians Chapter 1, the Apostle Paul is writing a letter, exclaiming that he will praise God from prison. When we believe in Jesus, that is, in Jesus Christ, heavenly spiritual blessings overflow to us. In the beginning, God chose and blessed us to be His children. There was the blessing of redemption through Christ's blood and the forgiveness of sins. And today, another set of blessings is revealed in the passage. What are they?

First, the Blessing of Revelation

When something is revealed, it often feels mysterious and secretive. However, it means the opposite. Revelation refers to what was hidden being disclosed. Through today's passage, we are told that when we believe in Jesus, God has given us wisdom and understanding, revealing His mysteries (verses 8-9). The comprehension, realization, and belief in the Gospel are all grace from God, who grants wisdom and understanding.

Believing in the reality of being a sinner, trusting that Jesus is the Son of God, acknowledging that Jesus died for my sins, believing in His resurrection and current sovereignty as the ruler of all, and having faith that salvation is a gift to those who receive Jesus are all part of the blessing of revelation.

Second, the Blessed Timing of God's Providence

Then, why does something that wasn't believed before suddenly become believable? Verse 9 explains it as being predestined for the favorable experience in Christ according to God's pleasure. The Greek New Testament distinguishes between human time, referred to as "chronos," and God's time, called "kairos." The word "providence" is a complex term, signifying God's governance and His planning and fulfillment.

God's promises and words are fulfilled in God's time and manner. This is the significance of the blessed timing of God's providence. Our belief and salvation in Jesus happen as a result of God's time and method. God has been diligently working in the unseen realm.

Third, the Blessing of Unity

Everything in heaven and on earth is unified in Christ, bringing the joy of harmonious living (verse 10). Unity refers to the integration, harmony, balance, order, coexistence, restoration, and completion of all things. The individual pieces of meaning in the history of all things exist not in isolation but find harmony, integration, and completion only in Christ.

This is the blessing of believing in Jesus. There is an ongoing story of becoming one with God and one with Jesus. There is a story of personal healing, wholeness, and restoration. There is a blessing that enables living a life of harmony and love with others.

Understanding the love of Christ leads to loving oneself rightly. The healing of guilt and low self-esteem occurs. Moreover, knowing the love of Christ results in loving and forgiving others. Restoration of relationships takes place. The history of salvation involves the restoration of the relationship with God, the restoration of oneself, and the restoration of relationships with others.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting." (Psalms 147:1)

**Bible
Reading**

12/4(Mon)	12/5(Tue)	12/6(Wed)	12/7(Thur)	12/8(Fri)	12/9(Sat)	12/10(Sun)
Philemon 1, Hebrews 1-5	Hebrews 6-9	Hebrews 10-12	Hebrews 13, James 1-3	James 4-5, 1 Peter 1-2	1 Peter 3-5, 2 Peter 1-2	1 Peter 3, 1 John 1-4

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Quiet Time Passage

12/4(Mon)	12/5(Tue)	12/6(Wed)	12/7(Thur)	12/8(Fri)	12/9(Sat)	12/10(Sun)
Proverbs 26:13-28	Proverbs 27:1-12	Proverbs 27:13-27	Proverbs 28:1-14	Proverbs 28:15-28	1 John 4:7-15	Luke 2:1-14

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Please share something new you have realized or received through today's message.
2. Reflect on a moment when you understood and believed in the Gospel, and if you have, share that grace.
3. If there is an aspect in your relationship with God, yourself, or others where you need restoration in unity, please share.