

Week 4: The Mystery of Christ

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Objective:

- We are redeemed through Christ, predestined through His work of salvation (Briefly explain predestination from the fathers teaching)
- Characteristics of the heavenly wisdom
- Christ is our peace and cornerstone
- The mystery of Christ is the call of the Gentiles to partake of the inheritance and to obtain the promises in Christ through the Gospel.

Resources:

- Catena Bible Commentary
- HEMY Bible Study(Includes material)
- Fr Dawoud Lamie's Bible study (Easy Arabic)
- Fr Tadros Y Malaty commentary

Reading:

- Read Eph 1:1-14
 - First objective
- Read Eph 1:15-22
 - Second objective
- Read Eph 2:1-13
 - First objective - explain that "works" refer to works of the law
- Read Eph 2:14-22
 - Third objective - Living with Christ bring peace to my life
- Read Eph 3
 - Fourth objective

Key verse(s):

- " Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" Ephesians 3:20

Comments:

Review questions:

Chapter 1

1. What blessings have we received that pertain especially to the Son?
2. What is the church in relation to Christ?
3. The word predestined is mentioned more than once in this Chapter. Does this mean that we do not have free will?
4. "Purchased possession" What is Paul talking about?

Chapter 2

1. What was our condition outside of Christ?
2. What was the Gentiles' condition outside of Christ?
3. How has Jesus become "our peace" through His death on the cross?
4. Give verse that mentions the Trinity.

Chapter 3

1. What is the "mystery" that has now been revealed?
2. Though viewing himself as "less than the least of all the saints", what gracious task was given to St Paul?
3. What has Christ therefore made possible for us?

Homework:

Chapter 1

1. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has _____ us with every _____ blessing in the _____ places in _____
2. We were sealed with the _____

Chapter 2

1. For by _____ you have been saved through _____, and that not of yourselves; it is the _____ of God,
2. For through _____ we both have access by one _____ to the Father.

Chapter 3

1. Who revealed God's mystery to the holy Apostles and the Prophets?
a) The Gospel b) The Spirit c) the priests d) St. Paul
2. Therefore I ask that you do not lose _____ at my _____ for you, which is your _____