

Review 1:1-8 Grace and Peace – I Pet 1:2 comes through our knowledge of Him.

Faith comes from hearing... and hearing from the Word of God.

Saints Blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies

Chosen to be holy and blameless Determined in advance to be adopted

Redeemed Lavished grace upon us for His Glory! “true to His character & attributes”

Verse 9

Made **Known** GK: cause information to be known. **Mystery**(GK: Secret or hidden thing) of his will
I Peter 1:10-12 even angels longed to look into these things.

I Tim 3:16 Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

Rom 16:25-27 all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith

Eph 3:3-6 was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit WE ARE BLESSED

Eph 6:19 fearlessly make know the mystery of gospel

Col 1:26-27 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Sin Problem of People

- Sin dogged people. People felt mired in sin unable to escape its grasp.
- Gifts & sacrifices being offered not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. (Heb 9:9)
- Jews thought all non-Jews were doomed to hell. Thru Jesus all people are redeemed.

Angels puzzled how God would address sin infecting his world and creation!
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McGee: **mystery in Scripture** God is revealing something that, up to that time, He hadn’t revealed. According to his good pleasure. GK: “that which pleases someone”

Verse 10

Times have reached their fulfillment

- Greek & Roman efforts created a road system reaching many parts of Mediterranean area
- Greek culture brought a **common language** to the world.
- Just over a **million** words in **English** but over **70 million** in **Greek**! Allows very **precise** word meanings to be conveyed.

Purpose:

Bring everything in heaven and Earth under Christ.

Headship.... Of Christ! Eph 1:22 What is Headship?? God is the Head of Christ. Christ – Man.

Christ is GOD, but Christ is “under” God!

Head GK: one who is of supreme or pre-eminent status, in view of authority to order or command

MK 10:45 Son of Man didn’t come to be served, but serve, and give his life as a ransom for many.

Christ is our head. He has authority to order and command. He does do so in the bible. How make you feel?

Verse 11

Chosen for what? ...bring praise to His Glory! (Read v 12)

Predestinated. -- A decision made before action happens. Why and What?

- According to his plan... who works out everything according to his purpose. OmniPotent!
- Rem Paul’s plan to attack believers on the Damascus road? God had other plans Acts 9
- God determined beforehand we would be for His praise and **glory** GK: the quality of splendid, remarkable appearance—‘glory, splendor”

Verse 12

We the first to hope in Christ be for the praise of His glory. Who is the “we”? Apostles disciples? Paul is soooo in awe here that he adds lots of words to try to convey his being overwhelmed by the manifold glory of God’s wisdom (Eph 3:10) “manifold wisdom”

Verse 13

You also – reference back to the We the first of v12

Included in Christ. One with Christ... ie born again ... saved! Word of Truth, Gospel “Good News”

Once you believed: Result of being saved? Marked with a **seal** GK: use a seal to close or to make something secure—‘to seal, to put a seal on.’ King’s seal makes secure! Daniel and Lion’s Den. **Seal** Aorist (Past finished action), Indicative (indisputable fact), Passive (Action done to subject).

Who or what is the seal? **Holy Spirit**

The minute you believed in Christ, His Spirit came to dwell inside of you! The King of kings put His seal on you!

There are certain denominations that teach a “second blessing”. That you are not really “filled” with the Spirit at salvation. You need a second blessing.

Eph 5:18 be **filled** with the Spirit. **GK**: Controlled, not filled like a glass of water.

The witness or proof of that “second blessing” is often perceived by a person speaking in tongues. They often reference tongues in Acts: (Transitional book of the church getting started) While Jesus was on Earth, the Spirit was with the Father in Heaven. Jesus said he must go so the Spirit can come. The apostles believed in Jesus as the Messiah, but they did not have the Spirit indwelling them.

Luke 24:49 “I’m going to send you what my Father promised..”

Acts 1:4-5, 8. Command to wait for the Spirit.

1:14 Constantly in prayer looking for his will and waiting. What better way to wait than in prayer!

Acts 2:1-13 READ section. Note → Known languages.

Jesus went to the Jews first. Paul went to the Jews first on his journeys. Jews 1st then Gentiles. The Spirit had not been given yet. Jesus told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem. (Acts 1:4)

Tongues in church service from I Cor 12:7-11 “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the **common good**.”

I Cor 12: 28-30 Do all have the same gift?

Purpose of Tongues today: 14:21-22 (Babylon attacking Jerusalem)

I Cor 14:27-28 27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. 28 If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and to God.

I Cor 14:26 -40 for further reading.

If a tongue does not minister to another, then its not of God.

Verse 14

A Deposit: GK: An irrevocable down payment with a guarantee to make complete payment.

Guaranteeing our inheritance. Guarantee? Inheritance? I Peter 1:3-5 Col 1:12; 3:23-24 Heb 9:15

Until your actual redemption is complete. Phil 1:6

Redemption GK: to release or set free, with the implied analogy to the process of freeing a slave.
IE: until we are freed from this world and enter the glories of Heaven!

Eternal Security not mentioned in bible but ETERNAL LIFE is abundantly mentioned!

God Possession GK: that which is acquired, presumably with considerable effort ‘possessions or property. Note God considers YOU, His!!! Property of Shirts... God as the owner!

To praise of His Glory.

All the wonderful things that our Heavenly Father has done for we sinners in forgiving us, making us holy and blameless, adopting us as his children, and redeeming us by buying us from Satan’s slave market, all bring praise to his glory of brilliance!

There is a HUGE tone of worship in these verses in the single sentence of 3 – 14.

Applications To Us:

1. Glorious Mystery revealed to us.

- a. Paul was excited about God!
- b. He marveled so much that he rambled on with a 11 line sentence of praise! (vv3- 14)

2. Sealed with the Holy Spirit.

- a. John – we are in his hand. Who can pry us out of Jesus’ hand?
- b. We have a guarantee of heaven. We’re endowed with marvelous power!.

3. His treasured possession.

- a. You are a treasure of high value.
- b. He is jealous for you. He will work in your life to keep you not letting you wander as children and even we adults. Sheep are dumb!

4. Headship? Being boss or being a servant or both?

- a. Jesus is our head.
- b. Peter with foot washing.
- c. When we come to church, do we look to serve or be served?