

## LIGHT FROM EPHESIANS

"Called to a saintly life"- Sermon #2

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### I. Introduction

- A. Last week we started a series on Ephesians
  - 1. We talked about being blessed by God before anything is required of us. Ephesians 1:2-3
  - 2. We talked about the first blessing of grace- being chosen by God. Ephesians 1:4-This meant we were accepted and valued apart from works
  - 3. We talked about how that empowers us to fulfill Ephesians 4:1-3- Walking in humility, gentleness, and patience with others.
- B. This week we will take up the next blessing of God which is God making us holy and without blame before Him in His love.

### II. We are joint heirs of Jesus- Holy and without blame

- A. By being in Christ we share whatever is of Christ. **Romans 8:17**
  - 1. He is Elect - **1 Peter 2:6**-We share in His election. He is chosen by God and we are chosen in Him. **1 Peter 1:2**
  - 2. He was foreknown and predestined of God- **1 Peter 1:20 (Amplified)**- We also in Him are foreknown and predestined. **1 Peter 1:2, Ephesians 1:5**
  - 3. He is holy- **Hebrews 7:26**- In Him we share His holiness- We are holy- **Col. 3:12**
  - 4. He is blameless- **Hebrews 9:14**- We share His blamelessness- **Col 1:8, Col 1:21-22, 1 Thess 5:23**
- B. **Ephesians 1:4**-By the finished work of Christ, our sins are removed from us, and we receive the righteousness of Christ. We become holy.
  - 1. The word holy is from the Gr. word hagios- which means separate and set apart for divine purposes.
  - 2. This word is also translated as saint. We are called saints in the NT over 50 times! A saint is not just some old dead guy who did miracles and ate bird seed and lettuce and lived in a cave. All believers are saints. We are set apart and holy to God.
- C. We are blameless through the finished work of Christ. The word for blameless is amomos. This word actually comes from Greek literature. This word came from the Greek God Momus. This grumpy character was the ultimate fault finder. He found fault in every one and every thing. To be

blameless meant that even old Momus himself could not find fault with you. Well the devil is a Momus! He is always seeking to find fault with us. He can find fault in our natural lives and performances. But we are not blameless here on Earth. **Ephesians 1:4** says we are blameless before HIM! The words before Him in the Greek actually means directly in front of His penetrating gaze. Before the throne right in His presence we are seen as blameless through the blood of Jesus! Satan is the accuser of the brethren. He tries to find fault with us. But God's holy eyes of fire can find none because of Jesus Christ our Righteousness!

D. So many Christians look at their past and their natural lives. They see themselves as defiled. They wish they were holy. They constantly listen to the enemy who recounts their faults one after another to them. However, God sees us without fault because of Jesus!

### III. Renewing the mind and heart

A. We must renew our mind to the Word of God. This comes by meditating on Eph. 1:4- we are holy and without blame before God

B. We need to go beyond just thinking about being holy and blameless. We must start to speak this over our lives.

C. God created and framed the worlds by His words. **Hebrews 11:3**

D. God made our hearts to be molded by words- His words.

E. Our hearts and minds will become renewed by speaking God's words over them. We are holy and without fault before God!

### IV. Living Holy

A. Again the blessings of God in the first part of Ephesians are what we are to use to live the second part of Ephesians which is practical direction for Christian living.

B. How does knowing, believing, and speaking that we are holy and blameless affect our daily life.

C. **Ephesians 5:3-4**- We are told to be separate from fornication and sexual sins. We even should refrain from filthy talk and jokes. Why? Because it does not become saints- holy ones! We are holy before God. Once we renew our minds and hearts to this we will automatically shun away from all that is unholy and dirty.

D. We do not shun sexual sin to be righteous and holy. We shun sexual sins because we are righteous and holy! It is not fitting for SAINTS!