

\ Greetings. \ My name is Professor Seok, Jin Oh and I will be giving the lecture on the prison epistles.

\ The prison epistles are letters written by Paul while he was imprisoned in Rome. \ They consist of four letters: Ephesians, Philippians, \ Colossians and Philemon.

The purpose of writing Ephesians \ was to teach believers to become one in Christ. \ It was to teach believers to live holy lives by following Christ's guidance. \ It also teaches to glorify God.

\ The first three chapters teach the doctrine of the church. \ Chapters 4-6 teach about church life.

\ Chapter one tells of salvation, \ chapter two speaks of grace, \ chapter three is about revelation, \ chapter four is about growth, \ chapter five is about love, \ and chapter six is about the good fight.

\ Chapters 1-3 teach the doctrine of the church. \ Chapters 4-6 teach about the life of the church.

\ Today we will study the Epistle to the Ephesians.

\ The title of chapter one of Ephesians is "Salvation." \ Part 1 is greeting and blessings. Verses 1-2. \ Part 2 is election of the Father. \ Verses 3-6. \ Part 3 is redemption of the Son. \ Verses 7-12. \

Part 4 is the seal of the Holy Spirit. \ Verses 13-14. \ Part 5 is prayer for advancement of faith. \ Verses 15-18. \ Part 6 is power given to the believers. \ Verses 19-22a. \ Part 7 is the church. \ Verses 22b-23.

Ephesians was by the apostle Paul. First, verses 1-2, greeting and blessings.

\ Read verse 1. \ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

It says, "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God". \ "Apostle" means "messenger." \ The Jews did not recognize Paul as an apostle.

\ However, Paul repeatedly proves his apostleship in his epistles. \ Paul wrote nearly half of the New Testament.

\ Among the epistles of Paul are the four epistles: \ Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians and Galatians. \ Then, there are the prison epistles: \ Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon. \ These four books are the prison epistles.

\ Then, there are the pastoral epistles: \ 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, \ and Titus. \ There are also Pauline epistles that include 1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians. \ Paul wrote a total of thirteen letters.

\ The devoted Jews of that time did not recognize Paul as an apostle. \ Paul was not with the twelve disciples from the very beginning. \ Paul received Jesus Christ later on the road of Damascus in pursuit of believers of Jesus.

\ Paul's apostleship is very important. \ If Paul was not an apostle, his letters would not have been

considered God's Word. \ Therefore, Paul continues to testify to being an apostle.

\ In verse 1 of today's passages, he says that he became an apostle "by the will of God". \ Galatians 1:1. \ Read Galatians 1:1. \ "Paul, an apostle – sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead."

\ Paul became an apostle, "not from men nor by man", \ "but by Jesus Christ \ and God the Father."

Paul also says this in 1 Corinthians 1:1, \ 2 Corinthians 1:1, \ Colossians 1:1, \ and Titus 1:1. \ Paul testified to being an apostle when he received God's Word and recorded his letters.

\ Paul became an apostle, not because he wanted to \ or because he was appointed by people, \ but he testifies that he became an apostle by the will of God. \ God's servants are appointed by God.

\ Paul says that the epistle is addressed to believers in Ephesus. \ In the second part of verse 1 it says, "To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus." \ "Saints" signify a holy community.

The word in Greek is "Hagiois." \ "Hagiois" means "fleshly innocence," \ "moral purity," \ or "religious consecration." \ It also says, "the faithful in Christ Jesus."

\ We can become faithful when we are in Christ. \ We can live faithfully by \ always being aware of Jesus, \ by always walking with Jesus, \ and by living in Jesus.

\ Good words, \ good thoughts, and good deeds. \ It says, "the faithful in Christ Jesus." \ Believers of Jesus must be faithful. \ We must examine ourselves and see whether we are faithful or not. Am I faithful?

\ We can recognize who lives in Jesus through their faithfulness. \ We must become faithful believers in Jesus.

\ Verse 2. \ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

\ "Grace" is freely given by God and this is God's love given to us through the redemption of Jesus Christ, and it is the gift of God given to us through the completion of redemption.

\ We must be grateful for the grace of forgiveness of our sins. \ We must thank God that he has made us his children. \ "Grace and peace to you." \ If we comprehend the Lord's grace, there is nothing left for us to do than to thank God.

\ There will be nothing to resent, argue about, or complain about. \ The apostle Paul was in prison, yet he said to believers, "Grace and peace to you."

\ Second, "election of the Father," verses 3-6. \ Here, the first part, verses 3-6, is "election of the Father." \ The second part is verses 7-12, "redemption of the Son"

\ Third, verses 13-14, "the seal of the Holy Spirit." \ It speaks about the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity God and how he chose and redeemed us. \ We will first discuss the election of the Father in verses 3-6.

\ Verse 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.

\ It says, "Praise be." \ Paul praised God for forgiveness of our sins and for our salvation.

\ Paul said, "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." \ The spiritual blessing is completely different from the blessings spoken of by people on earth.

\ The spiritual blessing is our election by God before the creation of the world. \ God not only chose us before the creation of the world, but he also loved us and made us holy and blameless. \ This spiritual blessing makes us the sons of God.

\ To be a son of a king in this world \ is a great blessing. \ We have received the spiritual blessing to be children of God. \ We believers have received the spiritual blessing of the heavenly realms.

\ The things of the heavenly realms is not materialistic, but spiritual. \ It will not decay, but is everlasting. \ The things of the world are temporary, \ but heavenly things are forever.

\ Therefore verse 4 says, "He chose us in him before the creation of the world." \ Our adoption by God is the greatest blessing. \ It also says that God chose us so that we would be holy and "blameless in his sight" in love.

\ We are justified by faith in the gospel. \ Read Romans 5:1. \ "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

/ It says we are justified by faith in the gospel. \ We become holy when we obey the truth.

\ Verse 4 says, "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love." \ We become righteous through faith in the gospel, \ and holy through obedience of the truth.

\ Verse 5. \ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will--

\ It says that we have been adopted as sons of God. \ This is God's joy.

\ It says that God is pleased that we have been adopted as his sons. \ God's love is with us believers and his love will never leave us.

\ Isaiah 49:15. \ Read. \ "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"

\ The woman does not forget the baby at her breast. \ She has compassion on her son. \ However, there are cases in which mothers abandon their children as a result of selfishness and personal circumstances.

\ The Bible records cases in which people ate their own children to survive in the midst of captivity.

\ However, even if a woman forgets her nursing child, our God will never forget us and will

always remember us.

\ Verse 6 describes the purpose for why God saved us. \ Verse 6 says, \ “to the praise of his glorious grace.” \ As believers, we must continually praise the glory of God.

\ We must praise God with grateful hearts, \ and we must live holy lives as we glorify and worship him. \ One purpose for our election was that we would glorify God.

\ Therefore, the first question of the Westminster Shorter Catechism is, “What is the chief end of man?” \ The answer is: “Man’s chief end is to glorify God, \ and to enjoy him forever.”

\ So far we have discussed God’s election and our salvation. \ We will continue with part three. Redemption of the Son.

\ Chapter one discusses salvation. \ God the Father chose us, \ Jesus, the Son of God, paid for our sin and redeemed us. \ Verses 7-12.

\ Verse 7. \ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

\ It says, \ “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” \ We have not been redeemed with gold or silver, which is perishable, but we have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ.

\ In the Old Testament times, people gave sacrificial offerings with the blood of sheep and cattle. \ A sinner laid his hand on the head of a lamb and imputed his sin on it.

\ Then the high priest sacrificed the lamb and its blood to God. \ In the New Testament times, John the Baptist said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

\ Jesus Christ took all our sins, shed His blood on the cross, and redeemed us. \ Hebrews 9:22. \ In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

\ It says that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. \ Jesus shed His blood for our sins, and we received forgiveness of our sins through faith in Jesus Christ.

\ The last of the ten plagues of Egypt was the plague of the firstborn. \ The angel of death passed over houses where there was lambs’ blood on the sides and tops of the doorframes.

\ However, the angel of death entered the homes that were not painted with blood and killed all the firstborn. \ Since then, the Israelites celebrated “the Passover,” which means, “pass without touching.”

\ Jesus' death on the cross was punishment that He received in our place for our sins. \ Jesus, who is sinless, needed to come to this earth to atone for our sins.

\ Every person is born of a father and a mother, \ and everyone is born with sin. \ "The wages of sin is death." \ Even if a child has never lied or stolen anything, he will die because he has sin.

\ Everyone is born in sin. \ Yet, God’s one and only Son, Jesus Christ, was born in this world

without sin because He was conceived through the Holy Spirit.

\ Because Jesus is without sin, He is able to atone for our sins. \ Christianity is based on redemption of sin through the shedding of the blood of the sinless Jesus Christ.

\ Verse 7 says, “we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.” \ Anyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins. \ We believe in Jesus Christ.

\ We have been forgiven of all our sins. \ We must always be aware of this. \ We must try not to become filthy again. \ We must not become dirty with sin.

\ After putting new clothes on her child, the mother says, \ "This dress is white and new, so be careful not to get it dirty." \ The child will remember that she is wearing new white clothes, and she will not sit in dirty places.

\ We must be thankful for forgiveness of our sins, we must constantly keep this in mind, and we must be careful not to sin.

\ Verse 8. \ that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

\ It says, “that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.” \ This means God has revealed to us his secret gospel. \ He opened our spiritual ears \ and the doors of our hearts, \ and made known to us the spiritual truth.

\ Man cannot know with his wisdom. \ On the contrary, people consider the way of the cross as foolishness. \ The gospel is a special revelation that can be known only by the Holy Spirit. \ People cannot know simply by hearing the Word of God.

\ They claim that they see, but they do not see what is spiritual. \ However, God has given wisdom and intelligence in abundance to us, and how grateful we are for it!

\ God gave us wisdom to discern right from wrong. \ We need to know that those who understand the Word of God are blessed.

\ God gave wisdom and intelligence to believers that they may know his will. \ All wisdom and knowledge are in Jesus Christ. \ God gave it to us believers.

\ Read Colossians 2:3. \ “In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” \ There are treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Jesus.

\ Verse 9. \ And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

\ God has made known to us the mystery of his will. \ Here, “the mystery of his will” refers to the predestination of the union of all of creation through Christ’s redemption.

\ This is written in verse 10. \ “To be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.” \ Verse 9 says, “made known to us the mystery of his will,” and this will is revealed in verse 10.

\ It says, “which he purposed in Christ.” \ God has appointed everything its own time. \ When

the time comes, what God has purposed will take place.

\ When the time came, God sent Jesus Christ to atone for our sins on the cross.

\ Verse 10. \ to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

\ The ultimate purpose of Jesus Christ's redemption was to connect the things in heaven and the things on earth in Christ. \ Before the fall of Adam, everything was in unity and harmony with God.

\ After the fall of Adam, unity and harmony was broken. \ All of creation was created to glorify God.

\ However, because of man's sin, \ the things of the world were exploited by sins and the devil. \ Now, due to Christ's redemption, all creation glorifies God and has come together in Christ.

\ It says, "to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head." \ There are many different people in church, \ and they must come together with one heart and one mind.

\ For God's sake and for the sake of Christ, \ we must avoid divisions in the church. \ There must not be quarreling in the church. \ We must not fight. \ The church must unite.

\ We can avoid divisions when we are aware of God's grace and live with thanksgiving. \ When we serve God with one heart and one mind, we can glorify God.

\ When we recognize the love of God and love God, there will be no divisions in the church and it will become one. \ When we are obedient to God's will, there will be unity in the church.

\ Christ is the head of the church, and the church is the body of Christ. \ Parts of the body must help each other so that the whole body can be healthy. \ When we understand that we are members of one body, we do not separate from one another, but cooperate in unity.

\ Verse 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,

\ God does all things according to his own purpose. \ It says, "who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will." \ Everything happens according to God's sovereignty.

\ We have believed in Jesus Christ and have become children of God by his sovereignty. \ At the end of verse 11, it says, "everything in conformity with the purpose of his will." \ Believers are God's heirs.

\ The church does not belong to men but to God. \ God loves the believers and never leaves them. He does everything so that the purpose of his will is fulfilled.

\ In John 15, it says that Jesus is the vine and the believers are the branches. \ Branches can bear fruit when they are attached to the vine. \ God invests everything so that we can bear fruit.

\ Therefore, believers must bear good fruit. \ God judges those who harm God's establishment. \ Those who benefit the cause of the Lord are greatly blessed.

\ As believers, we have become God's heirs. \ Therefore, when we help the church and help believers, we are helping with God's work.

\ During the battle between Israel and Amalek, Moses went up the mountain, raised his hands and prayed. \ His hands began to get tired and heavy. \ Then Aaron and Hur stood on both sides of Moses and supported his hands.

\ Israel gained a great victory over Amalek. \ Not only that, but Aaron and Hur, who supported Moses' hands, were blessed, \ and their descendants were blessed as well.

\ Therefore, we must become believers who always benefit God's church and other believers. \ Next, verse 12 says, "in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory."

\ We must glorify God with our words and actions, and through everything. \ We must praise him not only with our lips, \ but with good deeds. \ We must become more like Jesus.

\ When others see us, they should be able to see Jesus and the glory of God through us. \ This is to glorify and praise God.

\ Today we discussed "the election of the Father" and "redemption of the Son."

\ We must always be thankful and glorify God with our lives \ for God's grace in choosing us, \ and for the grace of redemption from sin from God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ.

\ We will conclude today's lecture. \ Thank you.