EPHESIANS 1; October 30; Chosen & Accepted In Christ

ANALYSIS:
1. How does Paul introduce himself, and to whom does he write this epistle? _____

2. Who chose the elect unto salvation before the foundation of the world? _____

3. Who paid the price to redeem us from our sins, and by what means?
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4. Who seals us as the earnest of our inheritance?
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5. What are two requests in Paul's prayer for the Ephesian saints?
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THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:
Let's consider the measure of God's power toward us whom He chose. We first marvel that the Holy God would ever have a "good thought" toward us. Yet He went far beyond a good thought, and poured abundant undeserved grace upon us, and chose or elected us "in Him" to be His children. He redeemed us through the blood of Christ. He guarantees our future blessings by the indwelling of the Spirit. So we pray Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, that the spiritual eyes of our understanding may be enlightened so that we can comprehend these spiritual riches. And what is the measure of God's power working in us? The resurrection of Christ and His present exaltation demonstrates God'spower! May that power in our lives lead us to speak much praise to the glory of His grace.

Consider reviewing the sermon outlines on Ephesians which are available under Sermons 2006 on LetGodBeTrue.con beginning with chapter one on 1/29/06. Read this short chapter again. Focus on the glory of Christ and how blessed we are to be "accepted in the beloved."

HELP:
1. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God. To the saints at Ephesus and to the faithful in Christ Jesus (v 1).
2. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (vs 3-4).
3. Jesus Christ. Through His blood (vs 5-7).
4. The Holy Spirit of promise (vs 13-14).
5. [1] That God may give them the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of himself (v 17); [2] The eyes of their understanding being enlightened to comprehend God's great salvation (v 18); [3] That they may grasp the exceeding greatness of His power to those who believe (v 19).