

## LESSON 24 - PAUL, THE PILOT OF SALVATION LINER

### Epistles of Paul

**THEME:** *To show the responsibility of the believer to make plain to everyone what is the dispensation /administration of the mystery of Ephesians 3:9.*

Last time we left off where the STOP barrier had been placed across KINGDOM HIGHWAY, where we turned off into glorious GRACE HIGHWAY. What makes GRACE HIGHWAY different from the other roads we have been traveling on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*? Paul was chosen to write about *secrets, or mysteries* as God revealed them to him. His letters are called the Pauline epistles. They are named for cities where believers were located to whom Paul had ministered, or the names of individual believers to whom he wrote.

One day a man named Tychicus arrived at the church in the city of Ephesus, with a letter to the believers, a letter from the apostle Paul who was in prison. When the believers read this epistle, they found new and wonderful truths revealed in it. In the fourth chapter Paul writes about the **SEVEN ONES**, which are very important for all Christians to know. We are challenged to remember *all seven ones* as they are found in Ephesians 4:3-6.

1. **ONE BODY.** No longer is there Jew first, but now Jews and Gentiles become members of *one Church, one Body*, with Christ the Head, when they are saved. On the chart you see THE BODY OF CHRIST is in the Heavens, where Christ is seated, and when we become a part of His Body we are seated in the Heavens with Him. Ephesians 2:6,13-16.
2. **ONE SPIRIT.** The Holy Spirit baptises us into Christ's death when we believe, and raises us up with Christ to sit in the Heavens, and seals us securely in Christ so that nothing can separate us from Him. Romans 6:4, Ephesians 1:13. We need to understand that these heavenly blessings God has already prepared for us even though our physical bodies are still down on the earth.
3. **ONE HOPE OF OUR CALLING.** The Blessed Hope is that the Lord Himself will in one moment call up all the members of His Body, dead or alive, to be with Him forever. We use an airplane at GRACE AIRPORT to represent THE BODY OF CHRIST which will one day be caught up into the heavens to be with Christ forever. In but a moment of time, faster than a blink of the eye, our bodies will be changed to be like our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, Titus 2:13, 1 Corinthians 15:51-54.

4. **ONE LORD.** Our Lord Jesus Christ is the One who loved us and gave Himself for us, who now prays and mediates for us, and whom we want to glorify in all things. Colossians 1:18.
5. **ONE FAITH.** This is the body of truth which was delivered unto Paul by the Lord Jesus for the Church of God which is THE BODY OF CHRIST. Ephesians 3:2-10, 2 Timothy 4:7.
6. **ONE BAPTISM.** This is the baptism of the Spirit which baptises us into and makes us members of THE BODY OF CHRIST. 1 Corinthians 12:13. Christ has many members of His Body, just as you have hands, feet, arms, but all work together directed by Christ the Head.
7. **ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL.** God becomes our Father because we are one with His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We are also joint-heirs with Him. Ephesians 1:11, 3:6.

Do you see now why this is such a glorious part of *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*? To be made *one with Christ*, to become a very part of Him, and all by grace, is surely something which none of the saints of other ages knew. Ephesians 3:5.

How do you think people should act who are part of Christ and called *children of God*? Paul tells us we should walk like saints. Ephesians 5:3. We focus our mind /affection upon things above, even though our walk is here upon the earth. In Ephesians 4 and Colossians 3 we are instructed how that walk should be.

These *SEVEN ONES* were a *mystery* until God revealed them to the apostle Paul. Today Jew and Gentile are the same and must enter into the fellowship of God as *one*, having no difference. Salvation is free and can be obtained through believing on the Lord Jesus Christ as the *only Saviour from sin*. Immediately upon believing and receiving Christ as Saviour, you are baptised by the Holy Spirit to become a member of this heavenly BODY OF CHRIST.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9.

## LESSON 24 - WORK SHEET

1.-3. Give a brief summary of our journey thus far. \_\_\_\_\_

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4.-6. What are the *SEVEN ONES* which characterize believers today?  
Ephesians 4:4-6. \_\_\_\_\_

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7.-9. Find 6 things in Colossians, chapter 3, which the Christian is told to do if he /she will live as one who is *risen with Christ*. \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Write Ephesians 2:8-9 from memory. \_\_\_\_\_

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