

- 1. Who is the writer and/or speaker?
- 2. When was it written and/or said?
- 3. To whom was it written and/or spoken?
- 4. What are the major <u>natural</u> divisions?
- 5. What is the repeated key word?
- 6. What simple sentence sums it all up?
- 7. What is an application to my life today?

Study questions for Ephesians 1v7-14

(Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration!)

Vs 7-8 The expression "in Him" ($\varepsilon v \omega$ in Greek) appears for the first time in verse 7 and is used 7x from here through ch3. That makes a natural division in this book. What is the FIRST grace a believer receives "in Him" according to this verse?

Vs 9-10 <u>How</u> does "fixing our eyes on Jesus" (Heb13v2) become a revelation (Heb1v2) of God's will for a Christian's life?

Vs 11-12 <u>When</u> do believers receive their inheritance "in Him" (Note the expression is mistakenly left at the end of the last verse, but should start verse 11!)

Vs 13-14 Who seals the deal, once we believe? Notice the steps: "you heard", "you believed", "you were redeemed" and "you were sealed"!

V 14 This verse has been used by many to say redemption is future, but it says just the opposite. Like Ac2v38 the same single Greek word $\epsilon i \zeta$ translated by "with a view to", a weird expression in English, would be better translated in normal English as "in view of" the redemption that has already been paid at the Cross. This preposition $\epsilon i \zeta$ is used 2156x in the NT and only means "to" when in a physical spacial context. So there is NO doubt that the believer is already redeemed when the seal of approval is God's Holy Spirit!