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All Spiritual Blessings

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**INT:** Eph. 1:1-4. Key thought: Read with pauses.


**EVALUATION:** Was an ascended-Jesus incarnate:

**TO ME:** Represented Jesus in the flesh.

Acts 9:15:


**NOTE:** Paul's life made I Cor. 11:1 understandable. If cannot relate to Son of God, can to Paul.

2. **APOSTLE:** Means "one sent." N. T. lists 23, using the term generally. Special missions!!

**BY:** God's WILL: Lifetime problem—men denying Paul's true authority. Gal. 1:11-12.

**To:** Saints at Ephesus. Word defined by Paul: FAITHFUL. Also: Sanctified. Cleansed. Washed. Pure.

**V.2**

- **GRACE:** God's kindness, bless your lives.
- **PEACE:** Inner stability in face of all odds. Rom. 5:1. Peace through obedience.
- **BLESSED:** WORTHY of Praise! Jas. 1:7! The reason.
- **BLESSED US:** To speak well of and bestow blessing. Us: Church members. Saints. Sanctified.

3. **ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS:** Acts 2 a demonstration.

**Vs.**

- 36. Conviction. Blessing to see WRONGS!!
- 37. Confession. Knew had a Chance!
- 38. A Plan of escape. Rep. & be Bap.—Cleane
- 39. Children can enjoy the same Hope.
- 40. Enough information to save the world.
- 41. Sinners cleansed and added to the Saved.
- 42. Soul-satisfying worship to God.
Vs. 45. All NEEDS supplied then. Now too: Matt. 6:33
800 families enough to help ONE in need???

Vs. 46. Happy, enthusiastic and joyous people.
Earth minimized. Heaven glorified. !!!
Got priorities straight. Spr. blessing.

Vs. 47. Grew in FAVOR & NUMBER with God and man.
Faithful to Great Commission. Mk. 16:15-16.

HEAVENLY PLACES: Church now, Heaven later.

10. CHOSSEN: Plan devised in Heavenly conference
before the earth was created!


12. LOVE: All done without this as the upper motive

INV: ALL EXPLAINED IN MATT. 16:24-27.
Means: must buck the tide of worldly
opinion.
Means: must resist the Devil...& put Him
to flight. James 4:7.
Means: must swim AGAINST the tide of human
wisdom. Put the Gospel first!

III. Paul Logan story: Northern Rhodesia.
2 natives in dugout canoe started down the
Zambezi river. Peaceful; Quiet.

UNDERWATER: Huge & savage crocodiles.
One hit the canoe. Upset men.
One native: remembered advice. Swim up
current. Crocodiles wait for food DOWN
stream. Swam upstream to safety.

Second native: Swam WITH THE TIDE toward
the shore. Reached shallow water.
WAY OF LEAST RESISTANCE..............
Crocodile grabbed his leg, pulled him
back into water and was never seen again!

YOUR CHOICE: Upstream to safety.
Down stream to certain doom!
Your choice to make as we stand and sing.....