

Ephesians 1:5a-6 Discussion Questions

Please feel free to use the questions below for group discussion or individual study and reflection after listening to the audio and reading the notes. We trust the Holy Spirit will guide you in how to use them effectively. Please let us know if there are other resources or ways we can support you. Thank you for joining us on this journey and for pursuing truth.

1. In Romans 8:29 – 30, what comes to your mind when Paul says you've been predestined to be "conformed to the image of His son?"

If Christ became the "First Fruits among many brethren" at the resurrection by receiving his glorified body, does it follow that our "conformed to the image" of Jesus will also happen when we receive our glorified body? What prompts you to answer the way you did?

Talk or think through anything left in your mind to ponder in this area! What questions do YOU still have about it? (Remember, we can boldly approach the throne with our curiosities and thoughts.)

2. How do you understand the word "called"? Have you viewed it as being chosen and drawn to salvation or drawn to a vocational expression within the body of Christ or perhaps something else?

3. Have you ever thought that God has a kind intention towards you (Eph. 1:6)? How does that change the way you approach Him?

4. This week, Bob described God's glory as "the avenue through which God's character reveals itself." How was God's glory revealed to humans throughout scripture (Exodus 16:10, Deut. 5:24, John 1:14, Hebrews 1:3)? How have you seen it revealed in your own life?

According to the end of Eph. 1:6, where were we when we received all of this from God?

Digging Deeper:

1. Take a dive into how the glory of God shows up throughout the Old Testament. Meditate on the way Jesus is involved in those moments. (For helpful insight on this, there is a teaching by Bob on our website called *The Glory*. You can find it at the bottom of the Audio Teachings page.)