

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS. Chapter, 1.

THEME:- "In Christ."

1. There are only two places for men to be.

a. In Adam. We all begin there. It is the birthright of the natural man.

We are born in sin. Psalm 51.

As in Adam all die--1 Cor. 15:22 .

b. It makes me kin to all the world. If a brotherhood, here it is.

2. "In Christ." There are 14 refs in Eph.

Ch.1:3,4,10,11, 12; 13 (twice),20;

Ch.2:10,13,21,23, Ch.3:11,12.

We are blessed in Him with every sp. blessing

1. Forgiveness of sin.

2. Sonship in His family.

3. Justified freely by His grace.

4. Sealed unto day of redemption. etc.

In Adam the natural--in Christ the spiritual. This is the spiritual right of the believer. His birthright and heritage.

Earthly blessing cf. Num. 11:4-5

3. That which we own we must possess.

a. That which was given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is given to Israel.

b. The law of possession. "Every place the sole of your foot etc." Josh. 1.3 *Cf Num 15;*

c. The failure to possess in Judges 1. *Num 13:31*
Abraham had the promise, but he enjoyed it only by "faith and patience." Heb. 6; -12. Cf Dr Dixon's overcoat.

We have the promise..... Heb. 6:12,17.

We have the oath. vs 17...To confirm it.

We have the hope vs 18 To receive it.

We have the Priest 20 To ensure it.

Mrs Brown on board ship. "Heaven above."
Bowery "bum" who exchanged old wrinkles for new

In the Old Test Israel is an earthly people, with a ministry to the whole world. They were to be the priestly people of the earth, but they failed in this. In the New Test. the church is a heavenly people, Phil3:20, with spiritual blessing. O.T. is the shadow. N.T. gives the substance. Type--Anti-type.