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WHY AM I HERE?

Part 1

“Out of this World Benefits”

Ephesians 1

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Benefit # 1: We were _____ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. (Vs4)

Benefit #2: In love he _____ us to be _____ as his sons through Jesus Christ. (Vs5)

Benefit #3: In him we _____ through his blood in accordance with the riches of his grace. (Vs7)

Benefit #4: He made known to us the _____ of his will. (Vs9)

Benefit #5: We were marked with the _____ of the Holy Spirit. (Vs 13-14)

Paul's prayer:

1. Give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you _____
2. He prays that the eyes of your heart will be enlightened so that you can know _____
3. He prays that people will experience the _____ of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
 - Defensive power: Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. (I John 4:4)
 - Sustaining power: His power is made perfect in my weakness. Holy Spirit Power: (II Corinthians 12:9)
 - Resurrection power: The power to bring life to something that was dead. (Vs20)
 - Convicting power: He will convict the world of their sin. (John 16:8)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. How much do you really cherish and comprehend the benefits of being a Christian?
2. How well do you know Jesus? What is your level of intimacy with him?
3. How convinced are you about our eternal hope? Is heaven a reality in your life?
4. How is the Holy Spirit working to transform your life? In what specific ways?