EPHESIANS - Our Heavenly Account Statement

"THE AGES"

Ephesians 3:1-10

Lesson #8 January 12, 2022

REVIEW:

A. The Ages

- Innocents from creation to the fall of man
 Salvation Gospel: Do not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- 2) Conscience until the flood of NoahSalvation Gospel: Do good and do not do evil
- 3) Human government until the tower of BabelSalvation Gospel: Believe in and submit to God
- 4) Covenant or Promise From the promise given to Abraham until the end of the Egyptian captivity.Salvation Gospel: Believe God's promises
- 5) Law From mount Sinai until the cross

Salvation Gospel: Obey God and keep His commandments

6) Grace - The Church age; ends at the rapture of the church.

Salvation Gospel: Confess/submit to Jesus' Lordship and believe in His resurrection - Romans 10:9-10

- 7) The Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ: After the second coming of Christ for 1000 years.
- 8) The 1st three began in mercy, but by the end they were looking to **JUDGEMENT** coming.

- 9) The final four begin and end looking to **MERCY** arriving.
- 10) Where does the tribulation fit?
- 11) "Dispensations begin with the <u>MERCY</u> of God and end with the **FAILURE** of man."

B. Our Age

- 1) The priesthood of the believer 1 Peter 2:5 & 9, Revelation 1:6
- 2) The infilling of the Holy Spirit Luke 1:15, Acts 1:1-8
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit1 Corinthians 3:16, John 14:17, 2 Timothy 1:14
- 4) The Church, the body of Christ Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 1:22-23
- 5) The gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12 & 14)
- C. Purpose of This Age. Ephesians 3:9-10
 - 1) The fellowship of the mystery
 - 2) Hidden from the beginning
 - 3) The intent: making known!
 - a) To the principalities and powers
 - b) In heavenly places

APPLICATION: What is true **PHYSICALLY** has no bearing on **SPIRITUAL** or **POSITIONAL** truth.