Northwest Bible Church – January 21st, 2018 – Worship Service – Jeremy Malone

**Ephesians 1:1-4a**

*Spiritual Blessings in Christ: The Electing Nature of Salvation—Election Stated*

Intro

**I. APOSTOLIC GREETING (Ephesians 1:1-2).**

*A. “To the saints who are at Ephesus.”*

*B. To those* “who are *faithful in Christ Jesus.”*

*C. Grace and peace.*

**II. DOXOLOGY (Ephesians 1:3a).**

**III. BLESSING BESTOWED BY GOD (Ephesians 1:3b).**

*A. “Every spiritual blessing.”*

*B. “In the heavenly places.”*

*C. “****In Christ****.”*

**IV. ELECTION STATED (Ephesians 1:4a).**

*A. “Just as He chose us in Him”.*

*B. “Before the foundation of the world”/Foreknowledge.*

Conclusion:

*Questions for small groups/meditation:*

1. *What does it mean to be a saint?*
2. *How would the Ephesian believers have understood Paul’s statements about being chosen by God before the foundation of the world? How should we understand it?*
3. *How should we react to the doctrine of Unconditional Election? Why should it cause us to praise God?*