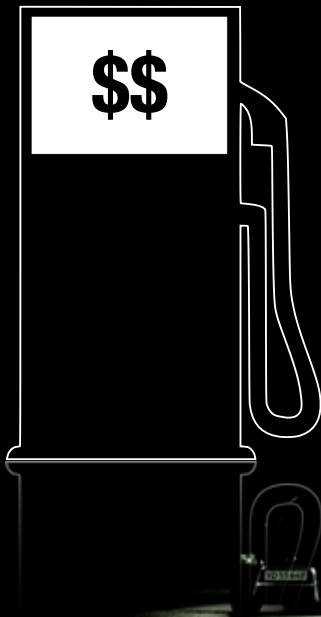


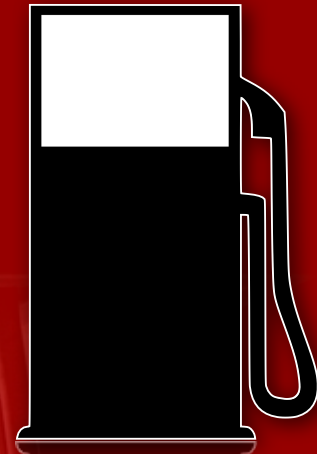
“The Joy of High Fuel Costs”

Ephesians 1:8-12



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“which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”



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I. The Christian journey is not one of acquisition but appropriation.

- “lavish”-be present in abundance, exceed, surpass of what is in excess, be more than enough

II. View Divine revelation as a privilege and not a rite.

- Mystery-“as what can be known only through revelation mediated from God what was not known before”
- Now you can understand the supreme redemptive plan of God!



III. We must walk in our ability to comprehend God's purpose for the ages and see how it has relevance in today's world.

IV. We must understand who we are so that we will properly utilize what we have.

V. Fully recognize all the benefits of being an heir.

inheritance—"to cast by lot or appointment"

This words shows God's appointment of both Jews and Gentiles to partake of a spiritual inheritance through their relationship to Christ



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- Heirs of God's promise to receive the Spirit (Gal 3:14).
- "Joint heirs" with him (Rom 8:17).
- WE are God's Inheritance (e.g., Ex 19:5; Dt 7:6)





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