

## Counterfeit Gospels

### Final Summation – Week 53

We're going to be in Ephesians 1 in just a few moments. Another way of looking at the pure unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's a very appropriate way to draw this quarter to a close and this year to a close. By reminding ourselves of what the New Testament describes as the Gospel, how it describes, what is implied with that description so that here at the end of the year we know exactly what we are talking about.

You've got your Bible's open there to Ephesians 1. Undoubtedly when the Apostle Paul and Peter, and others describe the Gospel, their talking about it in terms of something that was planned by God even before He said, "Let there be light". Let's get that in our minds this morning. Yes the first Gospel sermon was preached in Acts 2 but, the Gospel wasn't formulated in Acts 1 or Acts 2. Begin reading there in Ephesians 1:3 Paul says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before Him". And he goes on to describe of course many of the different aspects of this good news, redemption in verse 7 through His blood, and forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of His grace....