

# EPHESIANS - Chapters 1-3 - The believer's wealth in Christ



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Last week we witnessed many things from Paul's salutation in verses 1-2: this letter comes with divine authority; we have received grace from God our father and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ; and if we truly believe the things written in this epistle, all saints can be called \_\_\_\_\_.

Today we venture past the greeting and into the meat of chapter one. This passage is filled with \_\_\_\_\_ blessings that God planned before time began. These blessings keep on giving throughout our Christian life and extend into the vastness of eternity. The Bible contains no greater truths than those written here. Overall this section is a majestic hymn of \_\_\_\_\_ to our God for his goodness to us.

## EPHESIANS 1:3-14 - Our spiritual blessings

1. We are blessed – verses 3-14

a. Blessing – verse 3

*Any means of happiness; a gift, \_\_\_\_\_ or advantage; that which promotes prosperity and welfare; a means of increasing happiness, joy, and moral security.*

b. We have received \_\_\_\_\_ specific \_\_\_\_\_ blessings – verses 4-14

1) God has chosen us to be \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_ before him in love – verse 4

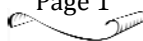
*God knows the beginning from the end. In eternity past, \_\_\_\_\_ the foundation of the world, God the father \_\_\_\_\_ (predestinated) to have one \_\_\_\_\_ of people, people who would receive Christ as their personal Saviour (placing them in him or in Christ), and that in so doing they should be \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_ standing before him in love!*

2) God has adopted us as his \_\_\_\_\_ – verse 5

3) God has made us \_\_\_\_\_ in the beloved – verse 6

4) Jesus Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ us – verse 7

*Redeemed – To obtain; to purchase back; to ransom; to liberate from captivity; to \_\_\_\_\_, to deliver from the bondage of sin and the penalties of God's violated law, by the obedience and shed \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ in the place of the sinner.*



5) Jesus Christ has made known the \_\_\_\_\_ of his will for us to be in him – verses 8-10

6) Jesus Christ has given us an \_\_\_\_\_ – verses 11-12

7) The Holy Spirit has \_\_\_\_\_ us – verses 13-14

2. What we are to do with these blessings – verses 6, 12, 14

a. \_\_\_\_\_ God – Psalm 149:6

b. \_\_\_\_\_ God – verses 6, 12, 14; 3:21