

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



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Ephesians is a book that details spiritual blessings and heavenly places. It is packed full of words like, riches, glory, inheritance, abounded, and fullness. Because this book concerns these _____ spiritual realities, it is easy for Christians to get stuck without grasping the practical applications to their daily lives. Therefore we must take our time and look at each passage very carefully.

Last week we began studying Ephesians 1:3-14. This passage, although complex in thought and presentation, clearly details the *spiritual blessings* _____ believer receives in Christ upon salvation. These blessings are spiritual and although we will receive our physical blessings in the future (1 Cor. 15:49-55), we have already gone _____ in the Spirit (Eph. 2:6). After thorough review we can agree that these verses state the greatest truths written in the entire Bible concerning our _____ in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14 - Our spiritual blessings - part two

1. We are blessed - verses 3-14

a. Blessing - verse 3

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

b. We have received seven specific spiritual blessings - verses 4-14

1) God has chosen us to be holy and without blame before him in love - verse 4

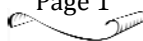
God knows the beginning from the end. In eternity past, before the foundation of the world, God the Father chose (predestinated) to have one body of people, people who would receive Christ as their personal Saviour (placing them in him or in Christ), and that in so doing they should be holy and without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

2) God has adopted us as his children - verse 5

3) God has made us accepted in the beloved - verse 6

4) Jesus Christ has redeemed us - verse 7

Redeemed - To obtain; to purchase back; to ransom; to liberate from captivity; to rescue, to deliver from the bondage of sin and the penalties of God's violated law, by the obedience and shed blood 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