

## In Christ

Ephesians 1:1-14

### Blessings from the Father

- All Spiritual blessings (verse 3)
- *pas* (adjective) – individually, each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything
- Heavenly places – Not material wealth, success, health, etc.
- In Christ (verse 3) – Denotes a relationship, you are in something, a part of something (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

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Blessings

### Blessings from the Father

- God chose us (verse 4)
- Chosen in Him (Son) – Refers to being in Christ, in fellowship with Him
- This was an eternal plan – Ephesians 3:8-11
- Some have asserted the crucifixion thwarted God's plan, not so!
- The choosing is in the relationship, not the individual (Joshua 24:15; Acts 2:40; Philippians 2:12)

### Blessings from the Father

- Foreordained us (verse 5)
- *proorizo* (verb) – To predetermine, to decide beforehand. In the NT of God decreeing from eternity
- Adoption is the key relationship term, man is adopted through the gospel (Galatians 4:5)
- The good pleasure of His Will has provided us this relationship!

### Blessings from the Son

- Redemption through His blood (verse 7)
- *apolutrosis* (noun feminine) – A releasing effected by payment of ransom
- redemption, deliverance
- liberation procured by the payment of a ransom
- Price paid – Blood of Christ (Matthew 26:28)
- Actual deliverance – When each person obeys (Acts 22:16)

## Blessings from the Son

- **Forgiveness of sins (verse 7)**
- Could not be realized under the old law – Acts 13:38-39
- Could not be realized under patriarchal law – Hebrews 1:1
- Sting of sin rendered powerless – 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

## Blessings from the Holy Spirit

- *sphragizo* – (verb) To set a seal upon, mark with a seal, to seal
- In order to mark a person or a thing
- In order to prove, confirm, or attest a thing
- What is this mark?

## Blessings from the Holy Spirit

- When one enters into Christ he is now the Lord's child, he has a new identity as a child of God. That identity is a seal, an identifying characteristic.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 – A new creature in Christ; all things have become new
- 1 Peter 2:9-10 – A royal priesthood. The people of God

## Blessings from the Holy Spirit

- *arrhabon* – (Noun masculine) Money which in purchases is given as a pledge or down payment that the full amount will subsequently be paid
- The down payment we receive:
- Luke 18:28-30 – Manifold more in this time and in the world to come eternal life
- Hebrews 13:5 – He will never leave us or forsake us

## How does one enter in?

- Hear – Romans 10:17, “So belief [cometh] of hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”
- Believe – Romans 10:9, “because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus [as] Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved
- Repent – Luke 13:3, “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish”

## How does one enter in?

- Confess – Romans 10:10, “for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”
- Be Baptized – Romans 6:3-4, “Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.