

SERMON NOTE: Our Spiritual Blessings In CHRIST

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Bible Ref: Ephesians 1:1-14 NIV

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/eph.1.1-14.NIV>

ROM 3:14

V1-3 "Praise be to GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST"

Apostle Paul wrote this letter while he was in prison, with bad n probably dirty condition in Prison, we don't expect a letter with praise from the prisoner,.. but that was it...

Can we ask: "Why me GOD"?

When Paul was in prison, his mind is still focus on GOD n the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

He remind all believers that GOD has already blessed them with every spiritual blessings (being alive, being saved, being here itself is blessings).

The doctrine of election.

GOD choose us to become Christian and to be in CHRIST before the very Foundation of the world.

John 6:44 NIV

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.

<https://john.bible/john-6-44>

Romans 10:13 NIV

for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<https://romans.bible/romans-10-13>

The Past Blessing of Election (4-6)

Before the creation of the World (1:4a)

We are not the after thought in GOD'S working plan.

[Image 81.jpg]

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Holy and blameless in HIS sight

[Image 82.jpg]

Blessings of Adoption (v5-8)

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He predestined us to be adopted as HIS sons through JESUS CHRIST.

We will not robot

Privilege As HIS children we have free access to GOD and have fellowship with HIM.

Responsibility We are to intimate with CHRIST.

V7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding

Wisdom - seeing and knowing the truth
Understanding - Seeing the direction to take

Blessing of Inheritance (v9-14)
[Image 83.jpg]

Revelation 7:9 NIV

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/rev.7.9.NIV>

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