

Ephesians 1:1-14

“Spiritual Blessings In Christ”

1. Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to God’s holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: 2. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ 4. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight In love 5. he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6. to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves 7. In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8. that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9. he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10. to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. ¹¹ 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, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession to the praise of His glory.

1. God Has Blessed Us With Every Spiritual Blessing in Christ

V. 3 Paul has moved to adoration of God. He can't stop praising Him for the good things that He has blessed believers with.

V. 3: "Praise Be/Blessed Be." Paul is speaking of God's reputation. God has a reputation of being good; well-spoken of; worthy of adoration. Paul's praise comes from a deep place of gratitude for what God has given believers in Christ.

- Ephesians 1:3. Blessed ss "To give or grant something that good or beneficial" The word to describe these spiritual blessings that God gives to us: Eulogeó
 - A bountiful gift.
 - Every kind of favor that is known to man is God has He has given to us.
 - To shower favor upon us
 - And it says that it has already happened. He's already blessed us.

2. Choosing us and Adopting Us as Children

Ephesians 1:4-5 Even as he chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him in love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ according to the purpose of His will.

- v. 4. Before the world was formed, He chose us & adopted us as his own children
- The election: we were selected, Chosen as God's own people.
- His purpose in choosing us was to give us the sacred place of being His child. To experience all that comes with the relationship of having God as our father. The support, love, encouragement, trust, to receive what we could not do for ourselves. There are many privileges to being a son or daughter.
- He wanted to be the one to nurture us; to pour his love us.

3. We Have Received Every Spiritual Blessing In Christ

V. 3 “In Christ,” God has given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

v. 4 “In Christ” He chose us before the world was made.

V. 5. “Because of his love, God had already decided to make us his own children through Jesus Christ.

V 7. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses “according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us in all wisdom and insight.

4. God Poured His Grace Lavishly On Us Through Redemption and Forgiveness.

Ephesians 1:7-8 “In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that He lavished upon us. With all wisdom and understanding.

V. 7. Poured out His grace on us through Christ when He redeemed us

- **Redemption** means ransoming someone from captivity or from slavery; to buy back
 - Christ paid a ransom price with his blood to buy us back from sin and bondage we were in.
 - V. 7-8 God also graciously poured out His love on us through Christ when He forgave us.
 - **Forgiveness:** He paid our penalty; the substitutionary death that we deserved.
 - Paul states: what God did for us:
 - V. 8 It is a lavish gift of grace poured out upon us from the depths of his love.
 - Given fully and freely. In eternity past, God searched for us and planned a way to be able to bring us to Himself.
 - He chose us, elected us, called, adopted us, forgave us, and redeemed us and made us His own so he could participate in His divine nature and escape the corruption of the world.
- 2 Peter 1:4

Prayer Items:

1. Ephesians 1:1-24
 - That we may believe in God's goodness, faithfulness, character and redemptive love.
 - That we may believe that all spiritual blessings have been given to us in Christ Jesus and live in God's spiritual blessings.
 - Pray for an awakening of God's spirit working in our lives

2. Church:
 - Re-opening of the Services on 21st March.
 - Protection over every family and individuals
 - Wisdom in implementing procedures
 - Church Leadership: Pastor Adam, Shanti, and leadership team. To continue to seek God in all capacities and lead from God's word and spirit.
 - Spiritual growth for church members. Breakthroughs in our spiritual lives
 - Ministries: Life-Care, Lifeline Youth, Worship Team, Sunday School & Redeeming Roses
 - We would be strengthened by God's word and holy spirit's work in our inner most being
 - Jobs for those who are out of work.
 - Teachers who are adjusting to returning to work
 - Children and Youth who have been affected by the Pandemic

3. Covid-19 Pandemic:
 - Those who have been affected by Covid. All those who are in the hospital and needing healing
 - Numbers to decrease in the country.

4. Those who are not well
 - Si Yun: Total Healing in Si Yun's colon; Restoration and salvation.
 - Deirdre: Healing in wrist; strength
 - Elisa: Kidney Healing
 - Jayden: Continued healing and strength in rehabilitation