

L8 | Ephesians | "All Spiritual Blessings" | Eph. 1:3-6

I. Intro/Review:

- The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
 - The beginning of Ephesians with this introduction of "the blessed God" as "Father" is fitting for the substance contained therein, specially the first chapter.
 - We have seen "the Father" "in love" "before the foundation of the world" "appointed Christ heir of all things", "trusted all things" to Him, and His purposed derived from all He willed would be in Christ.
 - These things are the inheritance that belongs to Christ, as the heir of God, and are to be understood by us with a spiritual understanding.
 - All these things are "of Him, and through Him, and to Him...to whom be glory forever." (Rom. 11:33-36)

II. Preview:

1. Of Him, through Him, to Him, are all things (Rom. 11:33-36)
2. "Blessed us with all spiritual blessings"

III. Sermon:

[:3] - *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:"*

- First, let us begin by looking at these eternal things of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ by considering Romans 11:33-36 which gives us insight to a fundamental framework of these things.

1. **Of Him, through Him, to Him, are all things**

- **Romans 11:33-36** - "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."
 - "who hath been His counsellor?" - His wisdom, knowledge, judgment, and ways are in accord to His counsel
 - "who hath first given to Him?" - He has given first, thus all recompensed unto Him
 - His Word effectually works (mercy or wrath)
 - His Word will not return void
 - "for of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things"

- **"of"** - from or out of; proceeding from; cause, source, means, author or agent bestowing
- **"through"** - from end to end; side to side; beginning to end; passage, by means of; instrumentality
- **"to"** - toward a place; end

"of"	"through"	"to"
Foreknowledge	Power	Glory
Predestination	Time	Inheritance
Will	Riches	Praise
Counsel	Wisdom	Fulness
Purpose	Worketh	Understanding
Mind	Judgment	
Grace	Ways	

Ephesians 1 | “Of Him”, “Through Him”, “To Him”

Text	“Of Him”	“Through Him”	“To Him”	“To Us”
Eph. 1:3-4	<u>according</u> as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,	in Christ, in Him	holy and w/o blame before Him in love	holy and without blame
Eph. 1:5-6	(predestinated) <u>according</u> to the good pleasure of his will,	by Jesus Christ, grace, in the Beloved	to Himself, to the praise of the glory of His grace, accepted	adoption of children accepted
Eph. 1:7-8		in Whom, His blood, <u>according</u> to the riches of His grace		redemption, forgiveness of sins all wisdom and prudence
Eph. 1:9-10	<u>according</u> to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:	in Christ	He might gather together in one all things in Christ	known the mystery of His will
Eph. 1:11-12	<u>according</u> to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:	in Whom	to the praise of His glory	obtained an inheritance
Eph. 1:19-23	<u>according</u> to the working of his mighty power,	wrought in Christ	the fulness of Him	exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward gave Him...to the church

- Summary "of Him, through Him, to Him, are all things"
 1. The inheritance must be thought of from God's perspective not ours
 - If we think of the inheritance solely from our perspective than
 - a. Eternal life is simply more life after this one
 - b. A new body is simply one I will no longer feel pain in
 - c. The heavenly places are simply a cooler place than the earth
 - If we think of the inheritance from God's perspective than each aspect of our inheritance have purpose and a purpose ordained and determined before the world.

2. The Father and Son first counselled formulating their plan and purpose in Christ before the earth ever was, before the foundation of the world. In love between Father and Son all would be trusted to Christ and it would be through Christ all things would become that which the plan and purpose called for ultimately resulting to the praise of the glory of God.
3. Therefore, all that has been given to us along with our hope is rooted in Christ before the foundation of the world.
4. It all proceeded from God, worked by the Son, to the glory of the Godhead.

2. "Blessed with all spiritual blessings"

- "who hath blessed us"

- "who" - The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ whom trusted all things in Christ hath blessed us
 - Direct correlation of transfer between that trust to Christ as the heir of God to that which God has blessed us with. (Col. 1:13)
 - "translated" - removed from one situation brought into another
 - ◇ All that remains intact is the new situation your brought into, everything else is left behind.
 - Notice, "in Christ"

- "blessed"

- Past tense {how past}
 - In Christ before the world began
 - Entered into it by redemption (:7)
- That spoken, (fair speeches)
- The Father speaks well of us and to us of the things He counselled before the world in Christ

- "all spiritual blessings"

- God's blessing of us consists of blessings, all spiritual blessings
 - "all"
 - "spiritual"
 - "blessings"
 - "in heavenly places"
 - "in Christ"
 - The remaining context
- "all" - denotes whole quantity, extent, amount, every

- Rom. 1:11 - some spiritual gift
- Rom. 15:29 - fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ

- **"spiritual"**
 1. "blessing" - that which God promises
 2. Non-carnal - Rom. 15:27, 1 Cor. 2:13, 3:1, 9:11
 - a. Spiritual body - 1 Cor. 15:44-46
 3. God is spirit - reside with God alone - 1 Cor. 2:12-14

IV. Conclusion: