

EPHESIANS | "ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS" | EPH. 1:3-6 | LESSON 5

I) INTRO/REVIEW:

- ① The Faithful in Christ Jesus
- ② Blessed Be The God
 - ⓐ only wise
 - ⓑ Creator [epistle is about Him]

II) PREVIEW:

- ① "and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"
- ② Blessed with all spiritual blessings

III) SCRIPTURE:

1:3 - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:"

• Before we start to examine the spiritual blessings, we must pay attention to the context that guides us to the nature of these spiritual blessings.

• In other words, these spiritual blessings God has blessed us with are specific to something greater

• This greater context is spoken of in all of Eph. 1, but initiated by one simple term, "FATHER"

• "Blessed be the God and ~~Father~~ of our Lord Jesus Christ"

- ① The Father is the God
- ② The Father is Father of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - ⓐ The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God

• The Father-Son relationship teaches us a couple things:

- ① Love & Charity - John 10:17, 14:31, 17:26 [3:35]
- ② Family - John 1:18, 3:16-18, 5:23 - honour
- ③ Inheritance - Rom. 8:16-17a ["if children, then heirs"] John 3:35

• "heir" - the man who succeeds, or is to succeed another in the possession of lands tenements and hereditament

SEE Romans
↑ 8 notes

• MAT. 21:38, MAR. 12:7, LUKE 20:17

↳ :33-41 (-43)

• Christ is the heir of God

• JOHN 3:35-36 - "given all things into His hand."

• HEB. 1:1-2 - "appointed heir of all things"

• GAL. 4:7 - "heir of God through Christ" (Christ then is the heir of God)

• JOHN 1:14 - "only begotten"

• JOHN 1:18 - "only begotten Son"

• JOHN 3:16 - "only begotten Son"

• JOHN 3:18 - "only begotten Son of God"

} incarnation

• COL. 1:19 - Pleas'd the Father in Him all fulness would dwell

• The Father's inheritance would be planned to be received through the faithfulness of His Son.

• The family relationship ordained by God would communicate these things between the Godhead

① Love & Charity

② Family

③ Inheritance

• In the counsel of His own will He would trust His will, purpose to the Word, a title signifying the form in which the will was embodied

• JOHN 1:1-5, 18

• "bosom" - ① denotes unity of nature, essence

② affection

③ acquainted with the Father

• Thus the Son succeeds over that which belongs to the Father

• The Lord Jesus Christ

↳ possessor of supreme power and authority - Resurrection

↳ man

> Incarnation

↳ Son of God

① Christ → Davidic Covenant [Father title not used often in OT]

• 2 Sam. 7:11-17 (1 Pet. 2 - spiritual) ↳ under the law

house ↳ bringing many sons to glory

• father-son in connection with Davidic Covenant

Conclusion:

- ① Paul initiates discussing the inheritance by bringing up the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
- ② In the context of inheritance (glory) we must think about these "all spiritual blessings"
- ③ Our spiritual blessings are derived from the Father-Son relationship among the Godhead.
- ④ Redemption is the means by which we are enjoined to that which he foreknew & predestinated.