

EPHESIANS I

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



STUPENDOUS TRUTH TREASURES

Ephesians 1:3-14



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OUTLINE

- 1) The Father's Plan: vv. 3-6**
- 2) The Son's Purchase: vv. 7-12**
- 3) The Holy Spirit's Part: vv. 13-14**

THE FATHER'S PLAN: VV. 3-6

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VERSES 6, 12, AND 14

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What are the blessings?

We are chosen and adopted sons

When did it happen?

Before the foundation of the world

What was His motive?

Love

Why did He love us so?

It was: according to His eternal pleasure/the purpose of His will

APPLICATION:

When we grasp these stupendous truths, the so-called identity crisis is destroyed: we realize that our worth does not depend on performance, position, career, wealth...nothing. God says, I am His beloved son, in His eternal family and my worth is beyond measure...it is anchored in eternity past and eternity future, in Christ

TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORIOUS GRACE

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THE SON'S PURCHASE
VV. 7-12

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What are the blessings of VV. 7-12?
Redemption, the forgiveness of trespasses, revelation of His purpose to bring unity in Christ to all of creation, an inheritance

How was it accomplished?

Through His blood

What is our inheritance?

The sum total of everything God has promised in salvation

What is the ultimate purpose?

It is for the praise of His glory

**Application: We no longer need to try to hide our sin from God or each other. Our past, present, and future sins are covered by a price that has already been paid in full. We can walk in freedom rather than under a cloud of constant condemnation. The sin and shame that want to hold us in its power is removed and we are free in Christ,
To the praise of His Glory!**

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**THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PART
VV. 13-14**

***13** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory*

What is the Blessing?

We are sealed

When did it happen?

When we heard the gospel and believed, the Holy Spirit took up residence in our lives

What was His purpose?

To guarantee that God will finish what He started in us (Phil. 1:6)

To the praise of His Glory!!!

Application: Even when our immediate circumstances feel chaotic or uncertain, the Holy Spirit inside us is God's promise that He will safely bring us home

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits...

This is a deliberate warning against **spiritual amnesia** and is an emotional call to preach to your own soul and actively remember God's blessings:

He has chosen you. He has redeemed you. He has forgiven you. He has adopted you as His son. He has promised you an eternal inheritance that is guarded for you in heaven. He has sealed you with the indwelling Holy Spirit and will complete what He started; He will present you holy and blameless in the Day of Christ Jesus... To the praise of His glory.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen