

THE BELIEVER'S RICHES IN CHRIST

(Ephesians 1:3-6)

I. INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

II. THE BELIEVER'S POSITION IN CHRIST (1:3-3:21)

A. Spiritual Blessings in Christ (1:3-14)

1. By virtue of your position in Jesus Christ you have received “_____ *spiritual* _____”. (v. 3a)

* According to v. 3, who is said to be the source of our blessing?

* How is this distinctly different than the nation of Israel?

2. At the very _____ you were _____ you received these blessings – “*who has blessed us*” (*aorist/active/part.*).

3. The sphere of our blessings is “*in the heavenlies* _____.” (v. 3b, cf. 1:20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12)

4. As a believer your whole life should be centered in heaven...

- a. Your _____ is in heaven. (Philip. 3:20)

- b. Your _____ is _____ in heaven. (Luke 10:20)

- c. Your _____ ought to be _____ on heavenly things. (Col. 3:1-4)

5. When it comes to this word “*chose*” – it simply means that God _____ to save those who _____ to trust in His Son—thus the sovereignty of God and the freewill of man _____ together. (v. 4a)
6. Men and women are _____ lost because they are not elected, no, they are lost and perishing because they have _____ to _____ Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. (John 5:39-40; 1 Tim. 2:3-4; 2 Pet. 3:9)
7. Two stated purposes for our election are that ideally “we _____ ...
- a. _____ (Gr. *hagios*)
- b. *and* _____ (Gr. *amomos*) *before Him in love.*” (v. 4b)
8. You become a part of God’s family by _____ (the new birth—John 3:1-18; 1 Peter 1:22-25); _____ is where God gives you an adult status with all its privileges. (v. 5a)
9. This “sonship” is possible because of Jesus Christ; and it demonstrates that it was always “*the good pleasure of* _____” to enjoy _____ with us. (v. 5b)
10. While we cannot possibly make ourselves acceptable, according to the riches of God’s _____ He has given us an eternal, privileged _____ in His Son (“*the Beloved*”). (v. 6, cf. 1:7, 18; 2:4, 7; 3:8, 16)

* What has encouraged you from this marvelous passage?