

Every Spiritual Blessing Part 2
Ephesians 1:7-12

Introduction: 245 years ago today, the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the 13 colonies declared their independence from Great Britain. This was commemorated with the ringing of the Liberty Bell. Many relate our freedoms as a country to this event. This morning we speak of a freedom far more significant than this event. A freedom experienced by every believer regardless of whether they have ever experienced freedom as a nation or not. I dare say, should the Lord tarry, it will far outlast even our freedoms as citizens of this nation.

I. In the Beloved we have freedom (7a)

A. Freedom from...

B. Freedom by...

C. Freedom to...

II. In the Beloved we have fellowship (7b)

A. The pre-requisite to fellowship

B. The parties in fellowship

C. The provision for fellowship

III. In the Beloved we have hope (8-10)

A. The source of hope

B. The scope of hope

IV. In the Beloved we have security (11-12)

A. The reason for our security

B. The response to our security

Conclusion: Oh that we would appreciate and cling to these spiritual blessings with great fervor as we, "Set your affections on the things above rather than the things which are on the earth."

Questions for discussion/application

- What two relationships are emphasized by the statement “In the Beloved”?
- What is the significance of redemption and forgiveness to the one who is in Christ?
- How do verses 8-10 fit into the context of v. 3-14? How does it relate to the blessings of being “in Christ”?
- What is the relationship of verses 8-10 with the Kingdom of God?
- How do verses 11-12 relate to the topic of eternal security?