

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, June 7, 2026



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 - A. Verses 3-14 are a key that unlocks one of the most important truths in Ephesians: We are "in Christ." We are identified with Christ such that when God looks at us, He sees Jesus and His righteousness (cf. Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:12-13).
 - B. In Christ we have every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places:
 1. The blessing of election (v. 4).
 2. The blessing of adoption (v. 5).
 3. The blessing of redemption (v. 7).
 4. The blessing of knowing His will (v. 9).
 5. The blessing of the Holy Spirit (vv. 13-14; cf. Jn. 14:15-17).
 - C. The spiritual blessings spoken of here go far beyond any earthly treasure, but reveal a heavenly treasure that gives us true peace and joy that none can steal (cf. Matt. 6:19-21).
- II. The Blessings of Election (vv. 4-6)
 - A. God's election is a Biblical truth that is not meant to cause confusion or consternation, but praise. Paul's point here is not that we do not possess free will (v. 11; cf. Deut. 30:19; Josh. 24:15, et. al.), but that those in Christ are, by grace, adopted as God's children, to the praise of His glory (cf. Eph. 1:11-12).
 - B. That He has freely chosen us in love is a wonder. But He has also chosen us for a purpose:
 1. Holy and blameless (v. 4; cf. Phil. 3:8-9) – This speaks both to our position in Christ (justification) and to our call to live a life of holiness (sanctification).
 2. Adoption (v. 5; cf. Rom. 8:14-16) – Out of His great love, God has brought us into His family as His children.
 3. Praise (v. 6) - Our response to the many undeserved riches we have in Christ should be one of praise and worship.
 - C. Practically speaking, the emphasis here is on the church (vv. 3-6), called by God for the purpose of reflecting Christ's holy character to a broken world in need of redemption and hope.

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