

## The Father's Blessing & Purpose in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-6) Part I & II

1. vv 3-6 The Father's Glorious Purpose in Christ
2. vv 7-12 The Son's Mission of Redemption
3. vv 11-14 The Spirit's Assurance

### I. Blessed be the Father who has Blessed us in Christ (1:3-6)

- a. preposition "in" specifies our union with Christ: historical events  
Crucifixion, resurrection and ascension
  - b. dative case: sense of 'through Christ' – our location, where Christ is
  - c. dative case: identity – 'in Adam' now we are 'in Christ' our identity
1. We are in heaven with Christ (1:3b)

has blessed us [past tense] in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing" (v.3) cf. 1:20; 2:6

### 2. Blessed with Christ's Status (1:4,5)

- a) Christ's Sanctity (v.4)
- b) Christ's Sonship (v.5)

### 3. Blessed through Christ Alone (1:4–6)

- a) Salvation is a Gift that is ours without Human Cause at All (1:5)
- b) Salvation comes through Divine Love Alone (1:6)

Question: Is man the focus here or is the Father the focus?

4. "Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love"

Or v. 5 In love he predestined us...